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The name of Edmondson is of ancient Anglo-Saxon origin and was first taken as the surname of the sons of one Edmond or Edmund. It appears in ancient records in various spellings, but that of Edmondson is most commonly found in America today.

Families of this name were resident at early dates in the English counties of York, Lancaster and London. They were, for the most part, of the landed gentry and yeomanry of Great Britain.

Among the earliest records of the name in England are those of Robertus and Johannes Edmondson, of Yorkshire in 1379. Margaret and Leonard Edmondson of Lancastershire in the early sixteenth century.

The Yorkshire line of the family was represented in the early sixteenth century by Laurence Edmondson, who resided in the city of York.

One branch of the family went to Ireland in the early seventeenth century, probably in the person of William Edmondson, the Quaker Evangelist, who was acquainted with William Penn, George Fox and John Edmondson of Talbot County, Maryland. He had a brother, John, who lived in Queens County, Ireland.

We do not know for sure which of the several lines of the family were the first emigrants to America, but we do know a John Edmondson has his name on a memorial at Jamestown, Va. as one who remonstrated against certain English laws.

John Edmondson who is mentioned above, settled in Calvert County, Maryland in 1657. We find land rights were claimed in 1658 for John Horne and his servants, Richard Marsham and John Edmondson. In 1663 he represented John Horne as his attorney in Calvert Co. Maryland. He soon became very prominent in colony affairs and is reported to have been involved in more land deals than any other man in the colony. He moved to Talbot County in 1664 where he bought a farm of 350 acres, and later in year 800 acres more. In the later part of the year, he bought an additional 450 acres called Jack's Cove and 200 acres in Third Haven.

He married Sarah Parker, a daughter of William Parker, one of the Commission Governors. His remains lie buried in Quaker Meeting House yard of Third Haven, although there is no marker. The children of this couple were Sarah, born January 1664, who married William Johnson, a mariner from England. John, oldest son, born April, 1666, married Susannah O'Mealy, died 1687 without children. Grace, born September 1668, probably married a Brooks. James, born April 1670, died 1702. Married Magdaline Stevens. The children of James, married into Pollard, Bartlett, Clayton, and Powell families. A grandson, John, of Banbury, was a delegate to Constitutional Convention which ratified Constitution.

John, son of James, married Margaret Pollard in 1738. They had several children, one of whose descendents is now the Duchess of Windsor.

Another probable son of James was Francis Edmondson of Kent County Delaware, who was born about 1730 and died there in 1787. ~~He will~~

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Other children of John and Sarah were Henrietta Maria and Martha who died early.

William, the third son of John and Sarah, was born 1677 and married Sarah Sharp. They had several children. He and his wife died the same day in 1702 and were buried in the same grave near Island Creek, Maryland. His grandson, Peter, was a delegate of Maryland Convention which ratified U. S. Constitution.

Elizabeth, married William Stevens, Jr. She died 1708.

Thomas, married Mary Grayson in 1699. One of their sons married into the Hopkins family.

Samuel, born in 1684 and died in 1704. There were no descendents.

Other Edmondsons of early times in clude William Edmondson who made his home in Rhode Island in 1672. James Edmondson was living in Rockbridge Co. Va. about 1750. He had at least one son, David. We also find Abraham Edmondson, Va., a Samuel Edmondson, W. Va., another Samuel resided in Halifax Co. Va. A Thomas Edmondson was living in the Shenandoah Valley during the Revolutionary period. Among those of this name, who fought in the Revolutionary War were Ensign Andrew E. of Va., Lieut. Benjamin E. of Va., Lieut. Robert E. Sr. and Lieut. Robert E. Jr. of Va. Capt. William of Va., Surgeon Samuel of Maryland, Ensign Thomas of Maryland, and numerous others, mostly from the Southern States.

One can readily see the names most favored by family at that date are John, Thomas, Samuel, James, Richard, Robert, Benjamin, Andrew and William. A comparison to our present family names is very interesting.
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Among the records of the Ancient Archives Building in Dover, Del., is the will of Francis Edmondson, made Jan. 2, 1775 which was probated April 29, 1783, leaving his estate to Rachel, his wife; Mary, a daughter; Mark Greer, William and Samuel, sons. A note in the will provided Samuel was not to come into his inheritance until he was 20 years of age. From Delaware Records at Library in Indianapolis, we learn Samuel was at battle of Kings Mountain, Oct. 7, 1780 and was 20 years of age. The monument on this Battlefield, lists his name along with that of Private William E., probably his brother. Capt. Robert E. Jr. wounded, Lt. Robert E. Sr., Ensign Andrew and Capt. William E. were killed, also, John, a private.

From Clay Co. Indiana records, we learn that Samuel E. was a native of Delaware, immigrated to North Carolina after the Revolutionary War and settled at Guilford Court House, later going to Knox Co. Tenn. where he lived and died at age of 96.

Samuel Edmondson was son of Francis Edmondson and was born in Delaware about 1760. We learn he went to Guilford Court House, N. C. He was at Battle of Kings Mountain, Oct. 7, 1780 along with William Edmondson, a probable brother. On Nov. 2, 1802, he moved to Knox Co.

Tennessee and purchased a farm of 175 acres on Beaver Creek about 10 to 12 miles northwest of Knoxville. He raised a family here of 6 sons and 3 daughters. The sons names were, Isaac, John, William, Wesley, Solomon and Francis. Samuel & Thomas

Isaac who is listed in Census of 1830 as living in Knox Co., married Anne Wheeler, Aug. 21, 1828, and is reported to have gone to Missouri, settled there and raised a family. He was a sort of a vagabond and made yearly visits back to Tennessee, to his brother near Clayton, to Clay County and to kinsmen in Newton County, Indiana.

John Edmondson was born in Knox Co. Tenn. and died in Clay County Indiana in 1867. He married Sally Grayson, May 7, 1823 before leaving Tennessee. He located in Sec. 28, Lewis Twp. Clay Co. Indiana.

William Edmondson came to Clay Co. Indiana, after having married Liley Holt, Feb. 1, 1828 in Tenn.. His family consisted of, Columbus, who went to Illinois, John W. to Illinois, Austin who died in Clay Co. in 1910, and Lafayette who died at the home place in 1922.

The family of Austin, consisted of William, who married Angeline Hevelin, Richard, who married Almira Hevelin, Fate (Lafayette) who married Cinda Days, Huldah, who married _____ Bocard, second time, _____ Germain, and Ashley who married Betty Rodishon.

Sons of Richard (Dick) were Ancil, who died in Illinois, Ray who also lived in Illinois, before returning to Indiana where he died. George, now living at Coalmont, and Frank who lives at the home place.

Frank's family consisted of Frank Jr. who married Ruth Johnson, Gerald who married Ellen Kittle, Henry L. who married Elnora Cashman and Marjorie who married Israel Kittle.

Wesley Edmondson went to Clay Co. at the age of 18 and there married Caroline Moss. He died in Clay Co. in 1903 at the age of 80. H is family consisted of John F., whose children were Fletcher, George M., Elizabeth J., Benoni, Elijah T., Mack, Saditha and Nancy.

Fletcher Edmondson raised the following children. Rosanna, who married Grant Richards, Zorada J., who married Daniel Stark, Julia B. who married James W. Boyd, Irene who married Jesse Liston, Milton W., Edna C. married V. A. Shanklin, Mary H. married _____ Stwalley and John Wesley.

Solomon Edmondson emigrated to Indiana and settled in Morgan Co. near Mooresville in the Slide-Off neighborhood. He is listed as a taxpayer there in 1828, in Morgan County records. He later moved to Hamilton County and from there, the trail is not very clear. Numerous Edmondsons and descendents of Edmondsons live in Newton County, Indiana and trace their ancestry to Solomon Edmondson.

Francis Edmondson, about who we are most concerned, was born in Knox County, Tennessee, July 26, 1802. He married Jane Grayson, a sister of Sally Grayson, who had married John Edmondson his brother, on Feb. 5, 1828. She was born Dec. 12, 1800.

It was early summer in the year of 1830. There was an air of excitement around the home of Samuel Edmondson, on Beaver Creek, Knox County, Tennessee. It was early in the morning of a sunny day, with

most of the family gathered about, for Francis, his wife and young daughter, Caroline, were starting to far off Indiana. Before starting on so momentous a journey, the mother of Jane gave her a walnut and cherry bureau, so she would have something by which to remember her Tennessee home. This bureau is now among the cherished possessions of Helen Hadley in Clayton, the great grand child of Jane Grayson.

Francis and his brother, Solomon, had made the trip two years before to Indiana and had located a likely place near the village of Mooresville, Morgan County. Solomon had stayed over, while Frank (as Francis had become known) went back for his family and possessions. He and his family were now setting out on the long journey to their new home. The wagon was loaded, good-byes were said, and they were on their way. Bad roads, wild animals and even Indians were all dangers which were known, but were to be met and overcome. The way, probably led through Cumberland Gap, then across Kentucky, over parts of the Wilderness Trail, with a probable crossing of the Ohio at Madison. From there, the roads soon became trails through the woods, with probably Vernon, Columbus and Franklin on the route. From here, he followed the Whetzel Trace, to the banks of White River near Waverly. After a long six weeks, they finally arrived at what is now known as the Slide-Off neighborhood and found Solomon at the new cabin, who warmly welcomed his brother, wife and little daughter. For some time, this little family lived here and in 1831, little Benjamin arrived.

The neighborhood was not a desirable place to raise his family and the soil left much to be desired, so he began to scout about, looking for a more desirable home site. He finally located a farm, on Mud Creek, just west of Belleville, on the newly blazed Terre Haute Trail. Having learned that a neighbor had his eye on this same location, he started to the land office at Crawfordsville on horseback, and rode all night. When the office opened for business the next morning, Frank was sitting on the doorstep waiting to enter this land. After the entry was made and he was leaving the land office, this other man rode up on a badly spent horse, and learned that he was too late. This farm was 80 acres, located W½, SW¼, Sec. 10, Twp. 14, Range 1W. 1 W. It was entered Nov. 23, 1831, Hendricks County land records.

Frank built a cabin here and with his little family, moved to this Mud Creek farm which was to be the home of Frank Edmondson and his wife as long as they both should live. Here, Elizabeth was born and here the family of two daughters and one sons, grew to maturity.

The life of this pioneer family was difficult, neighbors were few and far away and the woods were about them everywhere. The children went to school at the Kinderhook School, near the crossing of the Clayton Road and the National Trail. They later attended the Belleville Seminary which was a school of higher learning at that time. It later was moved to Greencastle and became the fore-runner of DePauw University.

Frank Edmondson became a man of considerable wealth and occupied a high place in the community. He was a charter member of the Baptist Church in Clayton and it is said that he donated the site of their first church. He was very religious and often was called on to preach. He was tall and austere i n looks and precise in his actions.

In his later years, he were a short board. He was a cautious business man, honest in his committments and was a good farmer. He would never let the sun set, owing anyone, even his hired help. He had little confidence in banks, so kept his money in his home. It was mostly in gold and was stored in a knot maul which had been hollowed out and which he used as a door prop.

The story is told that some travelers over the Terre Haute Trail, fed their horses on his farm and from the hay, some seeds were scattered. When it grew next year, Frank became alarmed at the way it was spreading, so attempted to kill it off. He failed and we now have blue grass thoughout this part of Indiana. He died November 19, 1885, three years after the death of his wife. They are both buried in the Clayton Cemetery.

Benjamin Grayson Edmondson, second child of Frank and Jane, was born Sept. 11, 1831. He married Mary Ann Little, a daughter of Samuel Li ttle of near Plainfield, on Oct. 20, 1853.

Grandpap Edmondson, as he was known to all his grandchildren, was the Grandfather of this writer.

Soon after his marriage, he built a log cabin on an 80 acre farm which his father owned and which he later bought. This cabin was later known as the "Weaning Pen" as, at least, two of his sons, started their married life there. He soon moved about ¼ of a mile southwest of here, where most of his family was born. About 1870, he moved his house to a farm about ½ mile south of Clayton, where he spent the greater part of his life. His later years were spent in a home which he had purchased in Clayton. On March 12, 1919, he was struck by a fast train as he was walking across the tracks in Clayton, and instantly killed. He, too, is buried in the Clayton Cemetery, near the site where his parents are buried.

Uncle Ben, as he was known throughout the country-side, was a man whose judgment was of the best, whose ability as a farmer and business man was unexcelled, whose honesty and integrity was unquestioned, and whose love for his family, his church and his God was shown by his every day life.

Soon after his marriage, he united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Clayton, where his wife was a member, and where his father-in-law, Samuel Little, was a charter member. He remained an active and steadfast member until his death.

He was a money-maker and early in life, began to accumulate wealth, which he invested largely in farm land. He also, following in the footsteps of his father, helped many deserving ones with loans, mostly young people who were trying to get a start in life. Many a successfub man in this community, owes his start in life to the help and faith of Uncle Ben.

He was a big and robust man who enjoyed life in its fullest. One of his happiest times was when he was driving about over his farms in the old buck-board with old Ben in the shafts, and looking after cattle and growing crops. Many a dime was earned by his grandsons who went along to open the gates.

His love of his family was indicated by the fact that the latch-string was always out for any of his children or their families. Some of the happiest times in the lives of those grandchildren, was when all the family was assembled and they played together in the barn and the old wheat house and ate at Grandma's table. Scarcely a Sunday ever passed when some of the children did not stop at Granddad's for dinner on the way home from church. Family gatherings and reunions of the family was a regular occurance at the old homestead. His birth anniversary was an annual event which was celebrated as long as he lived.

Mary Ann passed away Jan. 14, 1886 and some two years later, he married, Mary Ellen Ader of Groveland, Indiana. To her step-children, she was affectionately known as Aunt Mary and to the grandchildren as Grandma. The influence of this Godly woman on her younger step-children and grandchildren can never be reckoned. Never did a hungry growing lad or lass, enter her home without being taken to the kitchen and there filled with anything they desired. To Grandma Edmondson, they owed much.
She passed away Apr 4 1927

The children born to Benjamin Grayson Edmondson and Mary Ann Little Edmondson were: Columbus Francis, born July 16, 1854, married Amy Thrift, Sept. 9, 1877. He died Nov. 29, 1929. Their children were: Alva Thrift, Blanche Grayson, James Francis (Frank) and Ruth Jane. Robert Alexander, born Dec. 18, 1860, married Della Appleby, April 22, 1883, died Feb. 4, 1918. She is still living. They had five sons, Clarence Virgil, John Benjamin, Ralph Wallace, Charles Samuel, and Leroy.
Sarah Elizabeth, born Sept. 16, 1863, married Charles B. Worrell, Nov. 26, 1885. She died in 1955. Their children were Dee, Maurice, Beth, Helen, Dorothy and Shirley.
Thomas Benton, born Feb. 26, 1866, married Carri e Swindler_____. Their children were Mary, Charles and Cecil. He married Laura_____. He died _____1938.

Joseph Little, born June 9, 1868, married Nellie Mitchell_____. Their children were Caroline and Harry. He married Ethel Ader_____. He died Feb. 29, 1944.
Samuel Eugene was born April 7, 1872, married Sada House, who is still living in 1955 in California, Sept. 22, 1894. Their children were Donald and Willard. He died _____.
Charles Arthur was born Aug. 30, 1877, married Grace Wills_____. They are the parents of Nathalie and Louise. Both are still living in 1955.

Robert Alexander Edmondson was born on the Mud Creek farm, the second son of the family and the father of this writer. He was named for his Grandfather Alexander Little, an early settler of Hendricks County. Bob, as he was generally known, early displayed a desire for learning. After his graduation from the Clayton Schools, he attended the Central Normal College at Danville. Following in the footsteps of his father, he obtained a teacher's license and taught two years in the old Buffalo School, in the Rushton Neighborhood. One of his older pupils was a Miss Della Appleby, in whose home he boarded and whom he later married. They started housekeeping in the old "weaning pen" on his father's farm and later moved to the Chiseltown farm in Morgan County where his father owned 100 acres. Here he lived for the next twelve years and here his five sons were born and here he made for himself a place in the community. He was made a Notary Public and on "Pension Day" the house was filled with old soldiers or their widows getting their pension papers notarized. When he was unable to attend his own church at Clayton, he took an active part in the

newly organized Friends Church at Hazelwood, teaching in the Sunday School and leading the singing. In 1895, he built a new home next to his father's home place, one mile south of Clayton, and moved there in the late fall. Here, his family was raised to manhood and here, he became an important leader in the community. In 1899, he was elected Trustee of Liberty Township, the first Democrat to hold that office. There are those yet living in the Township who still maintain that after more than fifty years, he was the best trustee the township ever had.

At an early age he joined the church of his father, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Clayton. His wife later joined this church with him and as the years went by, all of his sons became members of this same church. He was a good singer and very fond of music. He taught a Sunday School class most of his adult life.

In 1917, wishing to retire from active farm work, he built a new home in the soth edge of Clayton, where he and his wife moved. His health was beginning to fail and in a short time he was stricken with an illness from which he did not recover. He passed away at the age of 57 and was laid away in the near-by cemetery which had been a part of his fathers farm.

His family consisted of:

Clarence, born Feb. 18, 1884, married Mary Hopkins March 11, 1906, now lives in Clayton, their children are Walter H. Esther E. and Helen M.

John Benjamin was born Feb. 1, 1886, married Pearl Richardson _____, now lives at Danville. Their children are John R. and Marian R.

Ralph, was born April 26, 1889, married Osie Scott _____, now living in Hazlewood, their children are Lowell R. Maxine and Gladys.

Charles Samuel was born April 6, 1891, married Ruth Martin _____, now living 2 miles west of Clayton, their children and Richard, Robert and Martha.

Roy was born Feb. 27, 1894, married Carrie Trester West _____ and died _____ 1935. Their children were Marvin and Marjorie.

Clarence's family is as follows:

Walter H. born Dec. 13, 1906, married Ethel Ludlow, July , 1928. They are the parents of Ann and David.

Esther E. Born March 13, 1910, married Roy Johnson, Aug. 14, 1934, parents of Philip and Margaret.

Helen M. born July 7, 1915, married Marion DeLong, Jan. 21, 1940, parents of Joan, John, Beth and Robert.

Thus runs the family line as we have discovered it. Perhaps all the line is not too distinct but after 10 generations, we find the descendants of John Edmondson of Talbot County Maryland, scattered over the earth and certainly over most of the United States.

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The name of Edmondson is of ancient Angle-Saxon origin and was first taken as a surname of the sons of one Edmond or Edmund. It appears in ancient records in various spellings, but that of Edmondson is most commonly found in America today.

Families of this name were residents at an early date in the English counties of York, Lancaster, and London. They were, for the most part, of the landed gentry and yeomanry of Great Britain. Among the earliest records of the names in England are those of Robertus and Johannes Edmondson of Yorkshire in 1370. Margaret and Leonard Edmondson of Lancastershire were reported in the early sixteenth century. The Yorkshire line was represented in the early sixteenth century by Lawrence Edmondson, who resided in the city of York. (Media Research Society, Washington, D. C.)

William Edmundson, the Irish Quaker, was born about the middle of the seventeenth century in Westmoreland County, England. He early embraced Quaker beliefs and is widely known as "The Quaker Evangelist" and "The Hammer of Ireland." He traveled to Ireland and also made trips to the American Colonies. His journal indicates his trips in America, and it is known he visited the Edmondsons here, both on the Eastern and Western shores of the Chesapeake Bay. According to the Edmondson family history in Jay County, Indiana, their family descended from William Edmundson who had settled on the West shore. William, in company with George Fox, made a visit there in 1672. (Maryland Historical Society Magazine, September 1955.)

William Edmundson had a brother John, who was a soldier in Cromwell's army and was sent to Ireland. While there, he became

a Quaker and remained there until his death at the age of 96. William mentioned he had received a letter from John in 1707, and that he was 83 years old and in poor health. He was living in Timahoe, Queens County, Ireland, at that time.

William Edmundson had always spelled his name Edmondson, but when his journal was edited after his death, the spelling was changed, and his descendants followed this later spelling. (Maryland Historical Society Magazine, September 1955.)

Thomas Edmundson, with other members of his family, migrated from the West shore of Maryland about 1835 where they had lived for generations and settled near Pennville, Indiana. The town was named after their family friend and patron, William Penn. Thomas became the ancestor of the Edmundson clan now located in Jay County, Indiana. The ancestral home of Thomas Edmundson still stands near Balbec and is still occupied by an Edmundson. (Edmundson Family History, C. V. Edmundson, Bryant, Indiana.)

John Edmondson, also a Quaker, had already settled on the East shore of Maryland. When the other families settled on the West shore, this was evidence that they were not only friends, but relatives. According to the Maryland Historical Society Magazine, while John and William were not brothers, they were close relatives--probably cousins or uncle and nephew.

The Roman numerals indicate the generations beginning with John Edmondson of Talbot County--1657 to 1698.

I

John Edmondson had settled in Calvert County, Maryland, in 1657. We find land rights had been claimed in 1658 for John Horne and his servants, Richard Marcham and John Edmondson. In 1665 John represented his patron, John Horne, as his attorney in Calvert County. From the time of his arrival, his importance as a land owner, merchant, politician, and Quaker grew rapidly. At the end of five years, he had accumulated considerable property. He began to sell his holdings in Calvert County and moved to Talbot County where he lived until his death. He is reported to have been interested in 140 land deals and was the largest real estate holder in the colony. His first year in Talbot County, he bought the Sarke Plantation of 350 acres and later the same year bought another parcel of land called "Dover," which contained [illegible]0 acres. He then bought "Jack's Cove" of 45[illegible] acres and then, "Third Haven" of 200 acres. This piece of land was later know as "Edmondson's Neck," and on it he built his home, "Cedar Point." From it he deeded the land where Third Haven Friends Meeting House was built and still stands.

John Edmondson married ~~married~~ Sarah Parker, the daughter of one of the Commission Governors. In his will, dated January [illegible], 1674, he mentioned his wife, Sarah Edmondson, by name.

Both John and Sarah lie buried in the Third Haven Meeting yard at Easton, Maryland, although there is no stone to mark their graves, for the early Friends did not use markers. In a larger measure, the Meeting House itself is a monument to the memory of this man of large affairs, who cherished in his heart the simple faith of the Quakers.

He died in 1698. His final will was d[illegible] August 9, 1697, and was probated March 7, 1698. It was recorded in Kent County, now

Delaware, and a copy is found at Dover. To show the complicated condition of the estate, it was not finally closed until 1769, seventy-one years after his death. Both the original executors were long dead.

John and Sarah were the parents of ten children, some of whom did not outlive their parents: Sarah, oldest, born November 24, 1664, and married William Johnson, a mariner of England. Both apparently died before John and Sarah. John, the oldest son, was born February 2, 1666, and married Susannah O'Healy on March 28, 1685. He died without children. Grace, second daughter, was born September 22, 1668. She is not mentioned in her father's will, so apparently had died. (Maryland Historical Society Magazine, September 1955.)

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James, second son, was born on February 25, 1670. He married Magdalen Stevens on December 18, 1691. They had four children among them was John who married Margaret Pollard. They had a second son, Pollard Edmondson, who on March 5, 1738, married Mary Dickerson. Among their descendants is the Duchess of Windsor.

Pollard Edmondson, Jr. was an officer in the Revolutionary War and was a commissioner at the erection of the present courthouse at Easton, and his name is recorded on the corner-stone. (Maryland Historical Society Magazine, September 1955.)

III

John, the son of James and Mary Pollard Edmondson had the following children: Elizabeth, born in 1731; Francis, 1736; Thomas, 1739; Solomon, 1744; and Mary, 1747. (Maryland Historical Society Magazine, September 1955.)

IV

Francis, whose wife's name was Rachel, was married in 1753. Rachel died in 1780. There were at least four children: Mark Greer, Mary, Solomon, and Samuel. (Third Haven Quaker Meeting records, Annapolis, Maryland.)

V

Samuel, who was born about 1761, married Susannah Kemp at Deyside Meeting October 13, 1797. He, with his uncle, Solomon, in early life went to Guilford County, North Carolina, and was there at the close of the Revolutionary War. At the Battle of Guilford Court House, it is recorded that Samuel helped bury the dead and cared for the wounded the day after the battle. At that time he was twenty years of age. This record is in the Historical Library in Indianapolis. In Quaker records at Guilford College, it is recorded that Samuel and Solomon, and son, Solomon were received from Duck Creek Monthly Meeting by certificate dated September 27, 1784. On December 1, 1788, Samuel was dismissed from this Meeting; the reason was not stated. (Deyside, North Carolina, Quaker Meeting records.)

According to the will of Francis Edmondson, made January 2, 1775, and probated April 29, 1785, his estate was left to Rachel, his wife; Mary, a daughter; Mark Greer; Solomon; and Samuel, sons. It was stipulated in the will that Samuel was not to come into his inheritance until he was twenty years of age. This will is found in the Ancient Archives Building at Dover, Delaware.

It would appear that after the war, Samuel returned to Maryland for a while at least. No record is found in county records in Guilford County, North Carolina, that he ever owned owned land or

was married there. He was married at Cuyuide Meeting to Susannah Kemp on October 13, 1797.

Solomon, his uncle, who had married Susannah Wilkinson in 1785, came with his family: a son, Solomon, and three daughters, Mary, Margaret, and Sarah. John and Mary were born later. Mary and Margaret married brothers named Dillon. Sarah married a Jones.

On November 2, 1802, Samuel moved to Knox County, Tennessee, from Guilford County, North Carolina, and bought a farm of 175 acres on Beaver Creek about twelve miles northwest of Knoxville, according to Knox County land records at Knoxville. There he raised a family of eight sons and three daughters. The sons' names were Isaac, Solomon, Thomas, John, William, Wesley, Francis, and Samuel. The daughters were Susan, Elizabeth, and Rebecca. Susan and Elizabeth married the Ledsinger brothers and stayed in Knox County. Rebecca married John England of Knox County on March 2, 1830, and later moved to California. Susannah having died, Samuel married Rebecca White on January 7, 1827. According to Clay County, Indiana, records, Samuel died in Knox County, Tennessee, at the age of 96.

VI

Isaac, who is listed in the census of 1830 at Knoxville, was still living in Knox County at that time. He married Anne Wheeler on August 21, 1829, and is reported to have moved to Missouri, settled there, and raised a family. J. Howard Edmondson, present Governor of Oklahoma, from accounts given in his biography is probably a great-grandson of Isaac. In the Saturday Evening Post, he gives information that his grandfather came from Tennessee. Isaac was inclined to be a vagabond and made almost yearly visits to his kinsmen in Tennessee, his brother in Clayton, Indiana, and to kinsmen in Clay, Greene, and Newton County, Indiana. When brother

Will of Francis Edmondson in Part

I, Francis Edmondson of Kent County on February 2, 1775, in the province of Pennsylvania, being in perfect health, and of sound mind, memory, andof understanding, but considering the uncertainty of this transitory life, do make, publish, and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First of all, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Edmondson all that part of a tract of land which I bought of Solomon Edmondson it being part of-lott lying in Kent County . . . containing 100 acres more or less to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever, but if my said daughter Mary should die withour heirs then I give all the said tract of land to my son Mark Greer Edmondson and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever.

Also I give and bequeath to my son Solomon the two tracts of land which I bought of John Greer lying in Kent County- and near to Preston town called the Boar Gardin. . . .

Also I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Edmondson my dwelling plantation lying upon Mangmans Branch with all my lands adjoining containing about one hundred and ninty acres. To come into the possession of the said land and plantation at the death or marriage of my wife. To him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Samuel not to come into his inheritance until he is twenty years of age. . . .

(file in Ancient Archives Building, Dover Delaware.)

Francis became tired of Uncle Ike's visit, he would put him to work, and he would silently depart. (Family stories.)

VI

Solomon came to Indiana, settling on a farm near the Stidoff neighborhood in Morgan County and lived there for several years. He is listed in Morgan County records as being a taxpayer there in 1828. He later moved to Hamilton County, bought a farm of eighty acres there which he sold in 1849. A curious fact was unearthed in the Morgan and Hamilton County records that he actually traded his Morgan County farm for a farm of like size in Hamilton County. At this time, nothing is known about his family. According to family story, he died there in Hamilton County.

VI

Thomas, son of Samuel, left his native Tennessee and moved to Arkansas, settling near Grand View in the edge of the Ozarks. His sons were: Braxton Clark, Albert Jackson, James Newton, Benjamin Franklin, and John

VII

Braxton Clark Edmondson lived at Grand View, Arkansas, and raised a family. About 1900, he came to Indiana to visit his kinfolk. He landed in Clay County, and with his first cousin, Samuel Austin, ~~[illegible]~~ to Clayton where they visited their cousin, Benjamin. The writer of this history well remembers that visit.

The family of Braxton Clark consisted of Grover Cleveland, who years ago went to California and is supposed to be still living there. He was a ~~lawyer~~. Teacher, living at Duarte Calif. He died Dec. 1966

J. N. Edmondson became a Baptist minister and went to southern

Duarte, Calif.
Nov. 28, 1962

C. V. Edmondson, Clayton, Indiana

Dear Cousin--Now that Thanksgiving festivities are over, I will get to the task of replying to your delightful letter of recent date.

I remember our correspondence of many years ago and also how my interest was kindled in the history of the family by its disclosures.

I am sorry to report that I have not obtained much that would add to the information you have.

In the briefing given us by my father, the history of the emigration from Tennessee is almost identical with the information you have of that phase of the history of our progenitors.

He also supplied us with a bit of traditional lore, to which he attached great significance, to the effect that any one of the name spelling it with two ds was to be accepted without further questions.

This rule, I have observed religiously through the years, notwithstanding the fact that I have been without the means of verification to give it full credence, however, I have passed it along to my family whom I have instructed to treat it as altogether reliable.

I always thrill with pride when I contemplate the rich heritage which is ours; bequeathed by these intrepid old pioneers who had their part in writing some of the most readable chapters in the history of the development of our great country.

The thread of religious fervor of which you spoke in your letter, was also a part of our legacy, as our grandfather, too, was a Methodist minister; but who was not actively engaged in the work of the ministry, due to ill health in his declining years. He had, however, according to father's report, been active as a young man

He was married to Mary Sams in Tennessee. After some years, his

health began to fail, and he was ordered by his doctor to take to the out doors, to travel, and to live in the open as much as was possible.

In obedience to these instructions, he began a stop and go pilgrimage to the west, which took him into Ark. at about the time of statehood for that area. (1836)

He found himself, after a long slow journey, on the bank of Mulberry creek in Johnson County, Ark. occupying what was then called a "Three Face Camp", and the stories of the loneliness of living in this isolated region as handed down by grandmother were almost beyond belief

From here he moved on to Washington County and settled in the Oxford Bend, on the White River, not too far from the town of Fayetteville.

Here most of his family was born and reared. A family consisting of five sons and four daughters. The elder of the sons was John, who was followed by Ben, then came Braxton, who was my father, and who was two years the senior of Uncle Newton. The youngest of the family was A. J. (Albert Jackson) who was known throughout his lifetime as Jack.

He was the father of Charlie with whom you visited on your last visit to the Ozarks.

Of the girls, Betsy Ann was the elder, and was married to James Warren, who was a native of Overton Co. Tennessee; Jane became Mrs. Riley Baker and Martha was joined in wedlock to Alva Ferguson who was first cousin to my mother who was a Ferguson also. Rebecca became Mrs. Mal Denney. She was the younger of the lot.

John went away to the Mexican War, and served for the duration in the army of Gen. Taylor. He was present at Buena Vista and witnesse the wild flight of Santa Ana as he sought to elude capture after his stunning defeat. He returned home at the close of the war, but the monotony of every day life was not to be tolerated and to feed his

growing appetite for adventure he set sail for the gold fields of California. If he ever swung a pick or rocked a pan, the news of it never got back to the family. But a rumor seeped through, somehow, that he had joined a party who had been retained by an American mining syndicate to guard a property in Lower California, the title to which was in dispute. In the fighting that ensued he was killed.

This is the story that remained shrouded in Mystery till its confirmation by Uncle Ben who had followed pretty closely upon his heels in about the year 1854.

Ben having joined a wagon train which was outfitted in Springfield, Mo. made what proved to be a one way trip to California first and then to the gold strike in Jackson county, Oregon. He retired from the mining business and became a rancher in southern Oregon, after taking a wife. His was a family of five, three boys and two girls. The boys were lumbermen and the girls were married to ranchers. The youngest, Ore, married a man named Gordon and Lottie, the older girl took the name of Allen. They lived in the vicinity of Crater Lake.

Father and Uncle Newton joined the Confederate army. Father's twentieth birthday was probably his busiest. His birth date, Aug 10, falling on the same day as the battle of Wilson Creek where he had the misfortune to be dodging yankee bullets. He was twenty years old on that day.

Uncle Newton was killed late in the war while home on furlough from the army. It happened in a skirmish with guerrillas with whom that section was infested, and whose part in the war "will live in infamy", as it was primarily a war on the defenseless ones whose husbands and fathers were away serving in the army.

Jack who was too young for the war spent his entire life on the farm to which grandfather had moved to Carroll from Washington Co. in

about the year 1858. Our family consisted of seven boys and three girls. J. N. whom you knew, was the older. Thomas J. was next in line, followed by C. C. whose name was that of a famous discoverer, and Frank, who was chosen to perpetuate the illustrious name of Benjamin Franklin, then there was John, who, no doubt, was the one upon whom father decided to bestow that family name to insure its continuity. Denton was next and then to complete the seven, I was brought along; eighty years ago, October 23, 1862.

The girls were Lena, Dean and Pearl in that order. Dean who is Mrs. B. H. Taggart, lives in Rich Hill, Mo. and Pearl with whom you visited lives in Grandview. She is the widow of the late George Bradley. Lena who was widowed years ago, lives in Weiser, Idaho. Her husbands were Wood and Welden and there were an equal no of children from each wedding.

I am getting ready to close this already too lengthy espistle with the observation that our branch of the family has done yeoman service in keeping the depletion, in the communities where they have lived, of the ranks of Democrats and Baptists to a minimum.

It is a proud name and I feel that I am honored to wear it.

Thanks for your very fine letter and please extend kindest regards to all available kinsman and drop us a line occasionally.

Resp. Yours,

Grover C. Edmondson

Illinois where he had pastorates. He, too, made a visit to Clayton and preached here for a time.

Thomas Edmondson went to Kansas and later died there.

Columbus ("Lum") Edmondson lived in Grand View, Arkansas, and raised a family. He had at least one son, Woodrow. He died a few years ago, but his widow still lives there.

John Chelsea went to Oklahoma; we could learn nothing of his family.

Frank also went to Oklahoma, but nothing is known about him.

Denton went to St. Louis where he later died.

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Albert Jackson Edmondson, a brother of Braxton, lived in Grand View. He had one son, Charles.

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Charles Edmondson still lives near Grand View at the age of 80 with his son, Albert Jackson III on his 170-acre dairy farm. His other children were: Durward Raymond, living in Grand View; James Newton, who in early life went to California; Marcleve Wendall, living in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Paul Jerome, also living in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Susie Edmondson Alvard, living near Grand View.

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James Newton Edmondson, son of Thomas, lived at Grand View, but lost his life during the Civil War.

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Benjamin Franklin Edmondson migrated to Oregon at an early time; nothing else is known.

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John Edmondson made the trip to California during the Gold Rush and was killed there.

This information was obtained by this writer from Charles Edmondson and son, Jackson III in the fall of 1960.

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William Edmondson, son of Samuel, was born in Knox County, Tennessee, and died in Clay County, Indiana, in 1867. He married Delilah Holt in Tennessee and settled in Clay County with their small son Samuel Auttin, born in 1823. He located in Section 29, Harrison Township, Clay County, Indiana. They raised the following family: Columbus Lafayette, who went to Vigo County, Indiana; John, who lived in Atwood, Illinois; and Samuel Austin, who lived near Clay City, Indiana. Also, Rebecca Jane, who married a Montgomery; and lived in Illinois; Joel Holt; Peter Allen, who moved to and lived in Kansas; William Strange, his twin brother; Mary Elizabeth; Melissa Clementine; Nancy Lorena; and ~~XXXX~~ Thomas Alexander.

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Columbus Lafayette, son of William, lived near Riley, Indiana, where he died in 1910. He raised one daughter, Edmona, who married Riley Cotton. They are both dead, but left a son, Dale Cotton, who is a minister and lives south of Terre Haute with his wife, Ruth, and son, David.

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John, son of William, married Rebecca _____. They were both school teachers and lived at Atwood, Illinois. They were very frugal and invested their funds in cheap, wet Illinois farmland, which when later drained proved to be some of the richest farms anywhere. They owned about 1200 acres. They raised one daughter, Mabel, who now lives at Champaign, Illinois. Her husband, Clyde Hobart, and son, Kent, have both passed away.

January 20, 1885

Mr. B. C. Edmonson

Dear Cousin: I take my pen in hand to write you after long delay. As I have not heard from your folks for so long it seems really strange to me that we would grow so careless as we get old. I often think of you all and of the many pleasant hours we have seen together in years gone by. I would be glad to see you all though perhaps never will see all of your folks again in this life. I have saw a great deal of trouble and affliction in my family ever since you was out here to see us.

My little boy, Samuel, died Dec. 15, 1881, and my wife, Nancy A. died March 19, 1883 and Elzora died Dec. 22, 1882 and left a young baby only four days old. She was married to one Henry Whitted. That was sorry hours for me at that time. Her babe less than two weeks afterwards. So it seemed that I was completely broke up in mind and body so had rented out my farm to Whitted and Columbus. Columbus had got married and his wife and Isadora, my youngest, kept house. So in the spring of 83 I went to Ill. my old home and friends there. Then to Indiana to see mother and fully expected to visit you all that summer, though it seemed fate had ordered it different. So I did not remain as long as I expected by two or three months. I was called home to see after affairs here that seemed to need my immediate attention and returned at once. Though while I was out there I got me another companion to journey along in life with me. I had new her for thirty odd years. She was a widow lady and had been for fourteen years. She had six children all grown but one boy. He is eighteen year old seen. He is living with us. My wife was a neice of my first wife and is two years younger than I am. We used to keep company when young. Consequently had but little courting to do when we met and realizing that we was both left alone as it were. She is

a splendid woman and so far our union has been pleasant to both and trust it will remain so.

As to William Strange Edmonson, he died in Dec. 1882 and his family of children in all married. The boys is living on the old farm and seemingly doing very well. Health is very good here this winter though it has been very cold here for four weeks, though it is clear and fine here today. Wind from the south and thawing a little. Times is very close here for certain, corn 25¢, wheat at 60¢, hogs at 3.75 cattle 2½ to 3¢ according to quality. We are close run this winter in the way of money matters. I built a barn that cost me some $900.00 and this summer and fall built us a house. It cost $2200.00 and everything being low it makes it hard on us to meet up. I have 600 bushels of wheat on hand at present. Sold one car of hogs at Kansas City for 4½ and am feeding 35 more for spring market. Got thirty head of cattle and five head of horses and some 50 head of stock hogs.

Write soon, I send my best love and respects to all. Tell Both to write to me and give all the news. Yours, P. A. Edmonson, direct to Draggoon P. O. County of Osage, Kansas

Peter A. Edmonson and William Strange Edmonson were twin (?) brothers and first cousins of Benjamin Grayson Edmonson.

Osage County, Kan. Draggoon P. O. March 3rd 1896 10¢

Mr. B. C. Edmonson

Dear Cousin: I will again write you a few lines. After considerable delay on my part, trusting you will excuse me. We are all well at present only myself I have a very bad cough that has troubled me greatly this winter. I have had to stay in doors most of the time since January set it. Health here seems to be generally good. We have had a very cold January and first of February. There are some patches of old ice yet in March it has so far been stormy. Either rain or snow every night so far. It is raining or rather sleeting today. Well Ben, I would be truly glad to see you all again. As I get old it does me good to think of younger days when we were all together.

I hear uncle and aunt is no more. Well, it is a great loss to lose our parents though we can rejoice we had their councils for so many years and their example to walk in and their blessed hope of meeting again. So let us that is left live faithful. My children is but few that is left. My youngest daughter lives with me, going to school. She is 23 years old. Columbus is living on the farm. They have one girl, call her Lorena. M Rosetta has four children, 2 boys and 2 girls that is not married. He has gone to California, him and one of his step brothers went together and don't know how long they will be gone. If they like that region, perhaps they may make their future home there. Me and my woman get along splendid and her and my children also which is a pleasure to me.

Well, Ben, this country has improved greatly since you was out here. All the wild prairie is fenced and houses and barns and church-houses and school houses has been erected, where there was no settlement at all 8 years ago...Times is very hard here on the farmers and has been for last two years. Produce has been low. Great deal of money lost in cattle and hogs on account of decline of prices. Hogs here now is worth 3½, cattle 3 to 4½, stockers 2 year olds 24 to 30 dollars. Milk cows 35 to 45 dollars,

horse plugs 80 to 100, good 125, to 200. dollars. Horses seem to hold up the best of any stock. Myself and others has shipped a great deal of stock to Kansas City this fall and winter and made some money. We was caught the 13th to 14th in the blizzard in January and lost heavily. Was caught in the market in the big break.

Our county seat remains at Linden, that is 5 miles south of us. They are building a railroad through from Salina to Council Grove, Osage City and Ottawa by the first of September next. If they do that will give us a direct line east by St. Louis. Well, Ben, I have 270 acres of farm here and in a good state of cultivation. Good house and barn and other buildings and orchard. Will sell on terms to suit purchaser as to time. I dont expect to farm or dont want to and if I can sell I will give possession at once if any one in your community wants a good farm in Kansas send them out or write. Title guaranteed, abstract furnished to purchases.

Write to me, give me all the news about all the folks you can.

Good Bye

P. A. Edmonson

County of Osage, Kansas June 6th 1906

Mr. B. C. Edmonson; Dear Friend and Cousin. I will try and pen you a few lines. I hope you will excuse my long delay in answering yours. My health has been very poor all winter and spring, though I am better since warm weather set in. I have had a very bad cough and this spring I was confined to the house most of the time, though at present I am able to tend garden and hoe some every day more or less. As to our crops, for corn it is very good, growing fine. We have 40 acres going over the third time. Been very dry this spring though had plenty of rain recently. Oats and wheat not very good, chinch bugs bad in wheat. Harvest will come by the 15th at furthest.

Stock of all kinds doing well this summer so far. Cattle is some better price than was earlier from 3 to 4 cents a pound, hogs at present 3½¢ a pound.

My children is all very well. Dora, my youngest girl is with me. Lum is running the farm and makes some money. Rosets lives 6 miles east of us, her man is managing to make a living. V. S. is in California in Yolo County, P. O. Woodland. The rest is all lying in the silent tomb, six of them and their dear mother all so well. Ben, I can truly sympathize with you for I have been there. None can tell the lonly hours, only those that has the same trial to undergo. As you and I have got another companion though that dont blot out the memory of that other, by no means. I have got a good woman and one that is pleasant to get along with, though she has 6 living children. One lives with me, her youngest boy. He is 18 years old and a good boy for business, though it is a very particular for to get along always present with two families mixed up. Isadora goes to Linden in a few days to attend County institute. She will teach this winter in the county schools.

I suppose I will have enough to live on though I cant work as I uste.

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I offer to sell this 873 acres. I ask $0000. 00 for it.

Well, you would be very much surprised to be here and see the vast amount of improvements that has been made since you was here. All of that prairie you came over from Carbondale is all in farms. Fine houses and barns built and church and school houses and Linden, our county seat has one railroad and the K. P. is building from Council Grove to Ottawa that runs between here and Linden. Will be some three miles from here. They are locating a road now from Kansas City to Wichita, thence through the Nation into Texas. It will run three mile or about so North of here to Burlingame.

I would be glad to have you come and see us this summer. Cant you come. We will surely make it pleasant for you. Tell Both to come and see us all and see the country. There are splendid opportunities here at this time for a man for some means to invest it to good advantage. I am thinking some of spending next winter in Indiana and if I ever get back to Terre Haute I will surely go to Clayton and see you ~~xit~~ and all that is left, so good buy. Write soon. Tell Both to write to me. She uste and I would be glad to receive a letter again from her.

P. A. Edmonson

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Samuel Austin married Elizabeth Friedley. They raised a family of five; William, who married Angeline Hevlin; Henry Richard (Dick) married Elmira Hevlin; Columbus LaFayette married Cinda Day; Huldah, who married Frank Beeard--then she married Germain; and Jacob Ashley, who married Betty Redishon.

The following is a tribute to Samuel Austin Edmondson by Dale Cottom, a grandson:

Numbered among the venerable and respected citizens of Clay County is Samuel A. Edmondson, who has, mayhap, resided in Harrison Township, his present home, longer than any other person now residing within its limits. The son is one of the earlier pioneers of this part of the county, he is a typical representative of the brave and daring men who came here when the country roundabout was in it pristine wildness, and assisted in the development of this fertile and productive agricultural region. A son of William Edmondson, he is born, December 20, 1826, in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Samuel Edmondson, the grandfather of Samuel Austin, was born in Delaware in colonial days. After arriving at manhood, he removed to Guilford Court House, N. C., and the day following the Revolutionary battle fought there on March 15, 1781, he assisted in burying the dead soldiers of both armies. Subsequently removing to Tennessee, he located about twelve miles from Knoxville, and there spent the remainder of his long life, passing away at the venerable age of ninety-six years.

Born on the home farm, near Knoxville, Tenn., William Edmondson was reared and married in his native state, living there until 1828. In that year, accompanied by his wife and child, he came to Indiana,

walking the entire distance, while his wife, who carried her babe in her arms, rode on horseback. Journeying along the wild and rugged pathway for ten days, he arrived in Harrison township, poor in pocket, but rich in energy and courage, his only assets being a horse, a saddle, and twenty-five cents in money. Entering a Government claim in Harrison township, he cleared a small space, erected a small log cabin, which he and his family occupied a number of years. For sometime thereafter, he was employed in making staves, which he used to take down the Eel, White, Wabash, Ohio, and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans. Selling out his load, he would make the return journey as far as Louisville by steamer, and from there would walk home. In 1850, he removed to Vigo county, where he resided until his death, in 1865. His wife, whose maiden name was Delilah Holt, was born in Knox county, Tenn., and died, at the age of seventy-three years, in Clay county, Ind. Her father, Joel Holt, was a blacksmith, and followed his trade on the Clinch river, where he also operated a ferry for many years. He died in that county at the remarkable age of one hundred and six years.

The oldest of a family of twelve children, Samuel Austin Edmondson was but an infant when he came with his parents to Harrison township. In the days of his boyhood the wild beasts of the forest had as yet not fled before the advancing steps of civilization, but, with the dusky savage, inhabited the wilderness, deer, wolves, and panthers being plentiful, while an occadional bear was seen. He attended the first school taught in the vicinity of his present home, and often tells of the term being shortened on account of the schoolmaster eloping with one of his elder girl pupils. After arriving

at man's estate, Mr. Edmondson was for five years employed on the canal. Buying then thirty acres of timber land, he cut down a few of the giants of the forest to make room for a cabin, which he built of poles, and in which he and his bride began housekeeping. Laboring industriously and persistently, he cleared his land, bought more from time to time, finally becoming possessor of a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres, nearly all of which he cleared and improved, erecting a comfortable and convenient set of frame buildings. In his agricultural labors, Mr. Edmondson was successful.

On December 18, 1848, Mr. Edmondson married Elizabeth Friedly, who was born in Harrison Township, Clay County, Indiana, ~~XXX XXX XXXX~~ on February 17, 1832, a daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Friedly. She died on March 30, 1897, leaving five children: William Daniel, Henry R., Columbus Lafayette, Huldah, and Jacob Ashley.

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Henry Richard (Dick) married Elmira Hevlin and raised the following family: Ancil, Ray, George, and Frank.

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Ancil lived at Hammond, Illinois on one of John Edmondson's farms and raised a family there. He died a few years ago. His widow and family still live there.

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Ray also lived in Illinois on one of the John Edmondson farms, but later returned to Clay County where he died. His widow and one son, Willard, live in Clay City. Willard has a daughter, Linda, and some younger children.

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George lived at Coalmont, Indiana, and recently died there.

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Frank lives on the home place, near Clay City, with his wife, Ruth Johnson. They raised four children: Gerald, who married Ellen Kettle and lives east of Clay City; Henry L., who married Elnora Cashman; Marjorie, who married Israel Kettle; and Frank Jr., who was killed in Italy during World War II.

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William Daniel, son of Austin, married Angeline Hevlin. Nothing more is known about them.

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Columbus Lafayette ("Fate"), son of Austin, married Cinty Day and lived near the old home place where he raised two daughters, Phoebe Jane and Margaret. Jane married Floyd Mitchell, and they have two children, Patricia and . Margaret married Elwood Bennett, and they live in Parke County, Indiana.

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Huldah, daughter of Austin, married Frank Picard. He died, and she later married a man named Germaine.

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Jacob Ashley, son of Austin, married Betty Robishon.

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John Edmondson, son of Samuel, was born in Knox County, Tennessee, and died in Clay County, Indiana, in 1867. He married Sally Grayson on May 7, 1823 before he left Tennessee. He located in Section 29, Lewis Township, Clay County, Indiana. He became a Baptist minister and was highly regarded as a citizen and man of God. He lies buried near Jasonville, Indiana. One of his descendants was "Black Bill" Edmondson of Jasonville.

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"Black Bill" Edmondson raised a family who were mostly engaged in mining. They are still living at this time, 1962; three of his children: John, who lives in the south edge of Jacksonville; Ben, who lives on the west edge of town; and Mrs. Miller, a sister, who lives on the south edge of Jacksonville. Little is known by this writer of their families.

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Wesley, son of Samuel, born Dec 1822 - died Aug 3, 1903 came to Indiana from Knox County, Tennessee at the age of eighteen and later married Caroline Ross born May 1826 of Centerpoint. He died at Jacksonville in 1903 at the age of eighty. died Feb 5, 1913 The family of Wesley and Caroline was as follows: John Fletcher, George H., Elizabeth J., Benoni, Elijah T., Enoch, Saditha, and Nancy. They resided at Jacksonville. born 1857. died 1935 wife Rachel 1870-1911 " Cathrine 1858-1943

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John Fletcher, son of Wesley, married Minerva Agnes Holliday, who was born October 27, 1850 and was married in 1869. They raised the following children: Roxanna, who married Grant Richards; Zerada J., who married Daniel H. Stark; Julia B., who married James W. Boyd; Irene, who married Jesse Linton; Milton W.; Edna C., who married V. A. Shanklin, M. D.; Mary M., who married M. Stalley and is still living in Oregon; and John Wesley, who lives north-east of Jacksonville. They lived at the east edge of Jacksonville, near where John Wesley now lives. There is no information on the balance of Wesley and Caroline's descendants, except what is contained in the following letter from Irene (Rena) Linton.

Midland, Indiana
March 14, 1958

Dear Friend and Kinsman:

. . . I truly thank you for the kindness of writing me. I was thrilled to get the earlier information. I too could trace only as far as Samuel and be sure of earlier ancestors altho, my own Grand-father told us he was descended from Quaker stock. He always clung to their creed but as there were no Quakers in this section at the time, he united with his father's church and was a charter member of the Methodist Church at Jasonville. He used to tell us stories of his life in Tennessee when he was a boy. Said his people came over the mts from N.C. but I was too young to inquire further or too disinterested at the time. . . I called Wesley and we decided to get the information typed and send to all the members of my father's house. They are widely scattered. Wesley, the youngest, now 70 still lives where he did when the reunion was held in Father's big woods. We sold the old home several years ago and the big white oak trees that we all loved so well were cut and hauled away. That timber was virgin and it made us feel badly to see it cut. The old house is about gone to wreck, but there is many a flower and shrub to remind us of former years. Needless to say they are all neglected and gives us a saddened feeling as we pass by. I still have two sisters living. Reda Stark, 86 yrs old, lives at Forte Wayne with one of her 2 daughters. When she was able she spent part time with Christina, in Florida. Perhaps you would remember Mary Stanley since she and Edna Shanklin were nearer your age. Edna is dead. So are two other sisters. Mary lives in Toledo Oregon. Her husband died in 1928. I shall send her what you wrote. She has always taken so much interest in such things. My own husband died in 1941. Since then I have lived

at various places. Monty lives in a small bungalo ov with Joe ov John, my sons. Joe lives in West Lafayette Ind. In on the faculty at Purdue in the Aeronautical depart.—John lives on the farm and ent teaches in the Consolidated School at Coalmont. Both boys have seen service in U. S. military. John was out 50 months. Has been connected with the army since he was 17. He is now a Lieut. colonel in the reserves. Each are married to lovely women. Joe has two girls. Ann will graduate from P. U. in June. Dorothy 17 will graduate from West Lafayette H. S. in May. Joe came to P. U. in 1936 from the university at Norman Okla. My father's family or descendents are in 8 states. . .I am now past 79. . .I would love to discuss with you our ancestor problems. I have always understood they came from England and from what you wrote, I still believe it likely.

Yours Truly, Cousin Rena Liston

Richard Edmondson, born about 1860 was a cousin of Samuel A.

Samuel was known as "Wattie" or "Waddie." His family consisted of William ("Black Bill"), Samuel, Polk, John Bullard, and Dallas. John Bullard had a son, Glynn, who now lives near Eldorado, Texas, with his wife Mary.

The writer of this paper saw Glynn's name on a mail box and visited him in 1960. When he was told of the exploit of Samuel A., he exclaimed, "I have heard that story many times from my grandfather whose father was Samuel A." Glynn is now manager of a large cattle ranch near Eldorado.

old Kinsman, a Richard Edmondson, whose father was a cousin to my grandfather. He (Richard) was born around 1860 and remembered my great-grandfather, Samuel A., however if he knew him to be the same as Samuel Austin, there was no occasion for him to speak of it. He did say that Samuel A. was familiarly known by a nickname-- Wattie or Waddie. I'm not sure of the spelling. No doubt the old gentleman could give us a lot of info- if he were living. He did say once that he was of the same lineage as the Arkansas clan. Said when he came to Texas in the early days, he left a brother in route in Arkansas who raised a family there, left them and came alone to Texas in later years.

My great-grandfather had several sons born in 1820's-30's. The eldest I believe was William, known in Texas as Black Bill; Samuel; Polk; John Bullard, my grandfather; and Dallas, the youngest.

This older cousin that I have been quoting (Richard) was also doubly related as his mother was a sister to my grandmother.

It was nice indeed to hear from you again. If I should stumble upon other information I will relay it to you. And if the occasion should present, and I am over up your way, I shall make every effort to see and talk with you again. I enjoyed our former visit and hearing from you so much.

Very truly, your friend and kinsman,
Glynn Edmondson

Ripley's Believe It Or Not January 5, 1961

Samuel A. Edmondson of St. Stephens, Miss. to summon help when Indians attacked Fort Mimms, Tenn., rode 500 miles through savage-infested wilderness to Nashville--traveling day and night for 36 hours. (Aug. 1813)

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In the fall of 1829, Solomon and Francis, sons of Samuel, came to Indiana looking for some suitable land available for entry. They located two eighty-acre farms, Sections 27 and 28 about three miles northeast of the village of Mooresville and about one-half a mile apart. They entered this land at Indianapolis Land Office on December 17 and 18, 1829; Sections 28 and 27, Township 14, R. 2E, Morgan County, Indiana. Since Solomon is listed as a taxpayer in Morgan County in 1828, he must already have located here sometime before the land entry, and it may be that he had been there when Frank (Francis) came in 1829.

Francis or "Frank" Edmondson, about whom we are most concerned, was born in Knox County, Tennessee on July 26, 1802. He married Jane Grayson on February 3, 1828. Jane was a sister of Sally who married John Edmondson, Frank's brother. Sally was born on December 12, 1809, and died near Clayton on July 26, 1882. He died at the same place on November 19, 1885. They both lie buried in the Clayton Cemetery.

The story is told that when Jane and Sally were ready to start to Indiana, their mother called them to her and gave Jane a chest of drawers and Sally a bedstead, so they would have something to remind them of their Tennessee home. This old cherry bureau is now in the home of Helen Hadley at Clayton, a great-grand-daughter of Jane and is one of her most beautiful and cherished possessions. A diligent search in Clay and Greene Counties failed to bring to light the bedstead or any knowledge about it. Apparently, it has not survived the years.

Jane Grayson was the daughter of "Big Ben Grayson" of Knox County,

Tennessee, and her only son was named after him--Benjamin Grayson Richardson. It is said that our branch of the family inherited their musical ability and sandy hair from this ancestor, "Big Ben."

When Frank left Knox County, Tennessee, he came by wagon, probably pulled by oxen, because it took six weeks to drive from Beaver Creek, Tennessee, to his land in Morgan County. His young wife and small daughter, Caroline, came along so the whole family, together with all their possessions, came in that one wagon. Somewhere, we have been told that Frank rode a horse, and his wife drove the wagon. Their arrival was safely made through the mountains over Cumberland Gap, across Kentucky on the Wilderness Trail, and they probably crossed the Ohio River at Madison. They only road northward was through Vernon, Columbus, and Franklin, where they could intercept the Whetzel Trace. They probably went westward to the Bluffs of White River at Waverly. From there only a few miles northward was the new farm. We can imagine the last few miles were through a dense forest, and they perhaps had to cut a trail to reach the farm by wagon.

A cabin was built and the next fall, little Benjamin was born in that little cabin. The neighborhood was not to Frank's liking (too much working on Sunday) as a place to raise a family, so he began looking around for a better location and found land on the newly located Terre Haute Trail, west of Belleville on Mud Creek, which he entered in the Land Office at Crawfordsville. This entry was for eighty acres in Section 10, Township 14 N., Range 1 W. in Liberty Township, Hendricks County, and was dated November 23, 1831.

He had learned that a nearby settler had also picked out this same tract, so he started to the Land Office at Crawfordsville on

[illegible] Academy.

horse, buggy and rode all night, [illegible] opened for business the next morning, found him [illegible] on the door step waiting to enter [illegible] land. After the entry was made and he was leaving the office, this other [illegible] that he had spent home and learned he was too late. [illegible] and the history of the neighborhood was [illegible] (much of this told me by my mother, Della Rhondson, after her 95th birthday.)

On this land, he built a cabin, and here, his second daughter, Elizabeth, was born. This cabin was his home until about 1879, when it was burned to the ground with nearly all its contents. The new home that he built on the old site is still standing and is a monument to Frank's good judgment and ability.

These children attended school at nearby Hinderhook School and later went to Belleville Academy.

This country was new and the life of this pioneer family was difficult. Neighbors were few and far away. The woods were about them on all sides.

Frank Rhondson became a man of considerable means and occupied a high place in the community. He was a charter member of the First Baptist Church at Clayton, which he helped organize and to which he is said to have donated the land on which it was built. According to the history of that church, he was often called on to preach.

He was tall in stature and rathere austere in his looks, but is said to have had a dry sense of humor. In his later years, he work a beard. He was frugal in his habits, cautious in business, and honest in his commitments. That he was a good farmer is attested by the fact that he left at his death, a farm of 260-acres, which was well improved and in a high state of production. His rule of

business was to never let the sun set, owing any man, even his hired help which he paid at the close of each day. He had little confidence in banks, so he kept his money at home where he stored it in a wooden keg which was hollowed out and used as a door-stop. During the Civil War, he would accept only gold, but after the war, when paper money was greatly depreciated, he foresaw, an early day, when it would be worth face value, so he then bought all he could with his gold.

The story is told that some travelers passing by over the nearby Terre Haute Trail fed their horses on his farm, and from the hay some seeds were scattered. The next year, when this new grass came up, Frank became alarmed at the way it was spreading, so he attempted to kill it off. He failed, and as a result, we now have Blue Grass throughout this part of Indiana.

The children of Frank and Jane were; Belinda Caroline, Benjamin Grayson, and Elizabeth J. Caroline was born in Tennessee in 1820. She married Eli Buchanan, and they had one daughter, Emma, who married Thomas Hamlet of Belleville. Caroline later married David Ader of Hubbard County, Indiana. They had two children: Alice who married a Ewing; and Frank. Elizabeth J. was born on the Mud Creek farm in 1834. She married Joseph Little, a brother of Mary Ann Little who married Benjamin Grayson Edmondson. Elizabeth and Joseph Little had a son, T. Howard, born in 1860. Elizabeth later married Henry Harley, and they had one son, Alba R. Harley, who married Nellie Hollingsworth.

Howard Little married Minnie Penner. Their children were: Edith, Paul, and Alma. They took into their home and raised an orphan infant daughter of his uncle, Robert Little; her name was Faye. Edith married Arthur Woods and had a son, Howard Nelson Woods, who is married and lives in Belleville. Paul married Ruth Woods, a sister of Arthur.

Their children are: Howard Gordon, Raymond, and Joann. Howard G. married Nadine Corbin, and they have the following children: Nancy, Joe, Jim, and Bruce. Raymond is married, has five children, and lives in Indianapolis. JoAnn married George. They are the parents of two and reside in Amo. Alma, another daughter of Howard and Minnie, married Pfleger of California, and after his death married Leighton. She is now a widow and resides in Plainfield. Faye, the foster-daughter of Howard and Minnie, married Opal Good and to them were born Elizabeth and Donald. Elizabeth is a teacher and has never married. Donald is married, has several children, and lives southwest of Danville.

VII

Benjamin Grayson Edmondson, son of Francis, was born in Morgan County on September 10, 1831. He married Mary Ann Little, a daughter of Samuel Little of Plainfield on October 20, 1853. Mary Ann died on January 14, 1886 and is buried in the Clayton Cemetary. Some two years later, he married Mary Ellen Ader. He died on March 12, 1919 at the age of 88, after he had been struck by a Pennsylvania train. She died at Groveland where she had gone to live with her son by a former marriage. They are buried in Clayton Cemetery near the grave of his parents.

"Grandpap Edmondson," as he was known to all his grand-children, was the grandfather of this writer. Soon after his marriage, he built a log cabin on the eighty acres which his father owned and which he later bought. This cabin was later known as the "weaning pen," for several of his sons started their married life there. He soon moved about one-half mile southwest of the cabin and in this home, most of his family were born. About 1867, he purchased a farm near Clayton and moved his house with his family there. This was where his family was raised and where he spent most of his life. In his

later life, he moved from the farm to a home in Clayton. He was a product of the community where he was born, for he never lived more than two miles from his father's home.

"Uncle Ben," as he was known throughout the countryside was a man of wide affairs. His judgment was of the best and his advice was much sought after; his ability as a farmer and money-maker was unexcelled. His honesty and integrity were unquestioned, and his love for his family, his Church, and his God was shown by his every-day life.

Soon after his marriage, he united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Clayton, where his wife was already a member and where his father-in-law, Samuel Little, was a charter member. He remained an active and steadfast member to the end of his life.

He was a good businessman, and early in life began to show keen business ability. He bought land, for he contended that it was the best investment, for it would always be there and would always be needed. He also, following in the footsteps of his father, helped many deserving young couples with loans that would enable them to get a start in life. Many successful men in this community owe their start in life to the help and faith of Uncle Ben. His list of borrowers is a list of "Who's Who in Liberty Township."

He was a big, robust man who enjoyed life to its fullest. One of his happiest times was when he was driving about over his farms in the old buckboard with "Old Ben," the horse, between the shafts, and looking after and salting his cattle. Many a dime was earned by his grandchildren who went along to open the gates. He instilled in them a love of farm life as he enjoyed it.

His love of family was indicated by the fact that the latch-

string was always out for any of his children or their families. Some of the happiest times in the lives of those grandchildren were when all the family ~~XXXX~~ were assembled, playing in the barn or the old wheat granary, and when called in to eat at Grandma's table. Hardly a Sunday ever passed when some of the children did not stop at Grandpap's for dinner on the way home from church. Family gatherings and reunions of the family were regular occurences at the old Homestead. His birth-date anniversary was an annual event which was celebrated as long as he lived.

When Mary Ellen came into the family, she proceeded to mother all her step-children, as well as her step grand-, and later great grand-children. To her step-children, who was known as Aunt Mary and to the grandchildren, simply, Grandma. The influence of this godly woman on her younger step-children and grand-children can never be reckoned. Never did a hungry lad or lass enter her home without being taken to the kitchen and filled with anything and everything he desired. To Grandma Edmondson, they owed much.

The children of Benjamin Grayson and Mary Ann Little were: Columbus Francis, Robert Alexander, Sarah Elizabeth, Thomas Benjamin, Joseph Little, Samuel Eugene, and Charles Arthur.

Will of Francis Edmonson

Know all men by these presents, that I, Francis Edmonson, of Clayton in the County of Hendricks and State of Indiana, Being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time made heretofore.

First: After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses I give to my son, Benjamin C. Edmondson one hundred and sixty acres of land described as follows: The North East Quarter of Section fifteen (15) Township fourteen (14) North of Range One (1) West in Hendricks Co. and State of Indiana.

Second: I give to my daughter, Belinda C. Ader, the sum of Six Thousand Dollars in money.

Third: I give to my daughter, Elizabeth J. Marley, one Thousand Dollars in cash and all of the home farm on which I now live, containing one hundred Acres be the same more or less, which lies in the South West corner of the South West Quarter of Section ten (10) Township Fourteen (14) North of range one West in Hendricks County and State of Indiana.

Fourth: I bequeath to my said three children, Benjamin C. Edmondson, Belinda C. Ader, and Elizabeth J. Marley all the balance of my estate to be divided equally among them.

Lastly: I appoint my said son, Benjamin C. Edmondson, to be the executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in the presence of the witnesses named below, this 10th day of November 1885.

Francis Edmonson SEAL

The above instrument of one sheet was at the date thereof declared to us by the testator, Francis Edmonson, to be his last Will and Testament and then acknowledged to each of us that he had subscribed the same and we at his request signed our names hereto as attesting Witnesses. Wm. A. Ragen Clayton, Ind. Wm. C. Mitchell Clayton, Ind. Probated November 23, 1885.

VIII

Columbus Francis Edmonson, son of Benjamin Grayson, was born on July 16, 1854, married Amy Thrift, who was born on September 1, 1858, on September 9, 1877. He died on November 27, 1929, and she, on October 11, 1921. Their children were as follows: Alva Thrift, Blanche Grayson, James Francis, and Ruth Jane. After Amy's death, he married Sarah Carter.

IX

Alva Thrift Edmonson, son of Columbus, was born on August 26, 1879 and married Florence Hannah of Plainfield on July 3, 1905. She died on June 27, 1945. He married Ollie Edmonson, widow of James Francis, his brother on August 8, 1948, at Merced, California. The children of Alva and Florence were: Cornelia Grayson and Virginia Hanna. He died July 4, 1961.

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Cornelia Grayson, daughter of Alva, was born on December 11, 1908, and married Tillman Hadley June 13, 1936. He was born May 11, 1909. They have one adopted son, Douglas, who was born February 10, 1944. They live on the Old Trails Farm, the homestead of her grandfather, Columbus Edmonson.

X

Virginia Hanna, daughter of Alva, was born November 29, 1919 and married Roland Abbot October 21, 1951. They are the parents of three children: Craig Allen, Anne Grayson, and Stewart Duncan. Her husband has retired from the Air Force, and he and his family are now living near Mountain View, Arkansas. (1962)

X

Craig Allen Abbott, son of Virginia, was born February 28, 1953, at Fairbanks, Alaska.

and mother moved together to Indiana in the fall of '27. Uncle Frank

Clay City, Ind.
March 5, 1906

Dear Friend:

Yours of late date in at hand. I will try and give you a history of our family as far as I know. I will have to go back to Tennessee to commence. My grandfather came from Maryland to Tennessee and raised his family consisting of seven boys and three girls. Their names were as follows: Samuel, Thomas, Frank, John, Solomon, William, Isaac, Susan, Elizabeth, Rebecca.

Uncle Sam went to Alabama State and died there. I never saw him nor any of his family. Uncle Frank and Aunt Jane and father and mother moved together to Indiana in the fall of '27. Uncle Frank and ~~XXXX XXXX~~ Uncle John married sisters. They were Graysons. Aunts Susan and Elizabeth married Ledsingers, John and Philip. They were brothers. They stayed in Tennessee. Aunt Rebecca married John England and lived here awhile, then moved to Calif. and died there. They had one child, her name is Mary England, now Holt. I have her picture. She is a fine looking woman. Of course all the Edmondson women are grand looking.

Grandfather and step grand mother moved to this state long after. Came here and died here at Fathers. That is, grandfather died here, grandmother died near Paris, Illinois among her children. She was a widow White and children lived over there. Uncle John came here and died here. He had three sons and four girls. They are all dead, but one girl, she lives in Oregon. There is a large family of Uncle Johns grandchildren here. Uncle Isaac moved to Missouri and his family is still there as far as I know. He is dead, died in the south.

I don't know any thing of Uncle Solomons family. I saw him once. At one time Uncle Frank and family, Uncle John and Aunt Sally all came to fathers to see grandfather. That was the last time they

were all together. They had a good time together.

Father and Mother were married in Tennessee. Mothers name was Delila Holt. Fathers name was William. Fathers family consisted of five boys and three girls. I am the oldest of the family and John the youngest. My family consists of four boys and one girl; now 17 grand children and great grandchildren, all living within seven miles of me.

My wife has been dead 9 years-I live with one of my sons. There are only three of my fathers family living. Myself, Fait and John and Rebecca.

I am 78 yrs. old, the oldest Edmondson. I am living on borrowed time now.

I have given you about all I know of the Edmondson family. It maby I have left out something you wanted to know if I have write and I will correct it. You dont spell your name right. Its Edmondson. Thats the way grandfather spelled it. I was much surprised to get your letter. Was glad to hear from you as I love the name of Edmondson and always glad to hear from anyone of that name.

Now, I want you and Mabel Edmondson to pay us a visit in May or June and fish andswim andboat ride and visit all the connection and see how we live. We are not rich nor want to be but have plenty to live on and enjoy life. We are common plain folks and you never will regret you came to see us. This leaves us all well as common, hoping this will find you well. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Send me your picture.

GoodBye S. A. Edmondson

Note--Rebecca, sister referred to married a Montgomery and lived near John in Ill. with some of her family--where I visited her there.

September 23, 1955

Mr. O. V. Edmondson
Clayton, Indiana

Dear Relative,

I received your very interesting letter, and excuse me for not answering sooner, as I have been searching for our family record, and my good wife found it about two weeks ago. William E. was my great grandfather, and Delilah Holt Edmondson was his wife. The father of Delilah Holt was a blacksmith. Your great grandfather Francis and William E. were brothers as we know. Evidently Francis E. whom you mentioned in your letter had five boys, and Samuel one of them besides being in the revolutionary war, help bury the dead soldiers on both sides the day after a battle fought on March 15, 1781. From Guilford C. North Carolina He went to Tennessee and located about 12 miles from Knoxville, Cumberland C. on the Clinch river. I have been near this location, but did not know where their home was located. Samuel had Seven sons; William E. was born on May 3, 1808, and his wife Delilah Holt was born on August 4th, 1810. They had 12 children, and in 1829 they began their journey to Indiana. Your great grandfather Francis and his family came with them in a covered wagon, and 10 days later they arrieved in Harrison Twp, Clay C. Indiana. William walked along thewagon carring a shotgun on his shoulder, and his wife rode horseback carrying their small son Austin on her lap. They only had .25¢ in money when they began the trip. They saw Indians, deer, wolves, panthers and bear along the way. Later William and Delilah purchased a farm 1 mile east of Blackhawk. He died in 1865, at the age of 57 years. This is the same farm where my mother Mona was born and died later in 1944. At the present time my father Riley is

living there, and I spent some 17 years of my life there.

P. A. Edmondson is listed in our record as Peter Allen Edmondson the son of William F. and Delilah. He was born on September 14, 1831. William O. Edmonson (Some spell their names without the 2nd D, and some still use it) was evidently His brother and he was born on December 12, 1833. My grandfather's name was Columbus Lafayette Edmonson and his birth is listed on Nov, 1835. . . . .

. . . .My Mother Edmond who was called Mona, is the author of the information which I am very glad to pass on to you. If you find some more family history, let me know.

Sincerely yours,

G. Dale Cottom

XI

Anne Grayson Abbott, daughter of Virginia, was born at Sumpter, South Carolina on February 18, 1955.

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XI

Stewart Duncan Abbott, son of Virginia, was born at Bunker Hill, Indiana on October 31, 1957.

IX

Blanche Grayson Edmonson, daughter of Columbus, was born on Old Trails Farm November 14, 1883 and married Charles Walter Thompson September 9, 1908 at the same location. They live at the old Benjamin G. Edmondson homestead south of Clayton. Their family consisted of Sarah Elizabeth, Louanna May, and Mary Margaret, who died at the age of five. In 1965 they moved to Clayton

X

Sarah Elizabeth Thompson, daughter of Blanche, was born December 2, 1909, two miles east of Clayton, and was married to Thomas Beck of New York state July 11, 1947. They have one daughter, Elizabeth Anne. Elizabeth's husband is an Army man and is now stationed at Augusta, Georgia. (1962)

XI

Elizabeth Anne Beck, daughter of Sarah Elizabeth, was born October 1948 in Maryland.

X

Louanna May Thompson, daughter of Blanche, was born October 17, 1913 and married Richard A. Kirkpatrick of Tippecanoe County on June 10, 1939. He lost his life in World War II when his plane went down at sea. They had two sons, James Bryant and Daniel Grayson. She lives at Frankfort, Indiana. (1962)

XI

XI

James Bryant Kirkpatrick, son of Louanna, was born May 27, 1942. He accidently lost his life May 19, 1958.

XI

Daniel Grayson Kirkpatrick, son of Louanna, was born on June 27, 1944, at Clayton and will enter Purdue University this fall. (1962)

IX

James Francis Edmonson, son of Columbus, was born on July 15, 1886 at Clayton and married Ollie Swearingtbnat Portland, Oregon, on August 22, 1909. He died on July 27, 1940 in California. They raised three children: Vance V., James Lewis, and Joan. She later married Alva Thrift Edmonson August 8, 1948 at Merced, California.

X

Vance V. Edmonson, son of James Francis (Frank), was born August 29, 1915, at Clayton, Indiana and married Maude Harlin June 15, 1939. They live in Merced, California and have no children.

X

James Lewis Edmonson, son of Frank, was born September 27, 1917 at Clayton, Indiana, and married Lucille Gray December 21, 1940. She was born March 18, 1918. They have two children; Eric Roy and Marty James. James (Jim) is in the Air Force and is now stationed near Los Angeles. (1962)

XI

Eric Roy Edmonson, son of Jim, was born June 2, 1948 at Caruthers, California.

XI

Marty James Edmondon, son of Jim, was born June 8, 1953 at Pullman, Washington.

X

Joan Edmonson, daughter of Frank, was born August 15, 1922 at Ano, Indiana and married Willis A. Stribling at Reno, Nevada on January 21 1943. They have two children: Lynn Ann and Thomas James. They live in Merced, California. He is a prominent nurseryman. (1962)

XI

Lynn Ann Stribling, daughter of Joan, was born March 19, 1947 at Merced, California.

XI

Thomas James Stribling, son of Joan, was born June 11, 1950 at Merced, California.

IX

Ruth Jane Edmonson, daughter of Columbus, was born September 2, 1899 at Clayton, and married Willis Maston of Coatesville, January 20, 1922. To them was born one daughter, Betty Jane. After a divorce, Ruth Jane married Harold J. Nimal on January 4, 1930. He died at Fort Myers, Florida, in 1961. She still lives there.

X

Betty Nimal, daughter of Ruth Jane, was born April 17, 1923 at Westfield, Indiana, and married Warren Tucker on April 10, 1944, at Clayton, Indiana. They have ~~two~~ 3 daughters, Sharon Lee, Pamela, and Veronica Clark. They live in Indianapolis. (1962)

XI

Sharon Lee Tucker, daughter of Betty, was born February 25, 1948, at Indianapolis.

XI

Pamela Joanne Tucker, daughter of Betty, was born October 21, 1953 at Indianapolis.

XI

Valona Clark Tucker, daughter of Betty, was born at Indianapolis.

VIII

Robert Alexander Edmondson, son of Benjamin Grayson, was born near Clayton on December 18, 1860, and married Emnora Adella Appleby (Della) on April 22, 1883. She was born on December 1, 1864 near Deer Valley Buffalo School in the ~~Rushton~~ west neighborhood, between Clayton and ~~Hazelwood~~ Danville. He died on February 4, 1918. She passed away May 2, 1960, at the age of ninety-five.

They had five sons, Clarence Virgil, John Benjamin, Ralph Wallace, Charles Samuel, and Chauncey LeRoy, all born at Chiseltown.

Robert Alexander was born on the Mud Creek farm, the second son of the family and the father of this writer. He was named for his great-grandfather, Alexander Little, an early settler of Hendricks County. "Bob," as he was generally known, early displayed a desire for learning, so after his graduation from Clayton School, he entered Central Normal College at Danville. Following in the footsteps of his father, he obtained a teacher's license and taught two years at the Buffalo School in the Rushton neighborhood, four miles southeast of Clayton. One of his older pupils was a Miss Della Appleby, in whose home he boarded, and whom he later married. They started housekeeping in the old log cabin, known as the "weaning pen," on his father's farm. They later moved to Chiseltown Farm, southwest of Hazelwood, where his father owned a hundred acre farm. Here he lived for the next twelve years, and here his five sons were born. He early made a place in the community for himself and before long, he obtained a Notarial Commission and did all the legal work in the

neighborhood. Every three months, all the pensioners of the Civil War had to have their pension papers notarized before they were paid. On "Pension Day," the house would be filled with old soldiers and their widows to get their papers notarized.

When he was able to attend church, he went to his own church at Clayton, where he always took an active part. At other times, he attended the new Friends's Meeting at Hazelwood, teaching a class in Sunday School, andled in the music.

In 1896, he built a new home one mile south of Clayton and moved there in the late fall. Here his family grew to manhood. Here, he also became an important leader in the community. In 1899, he was elected Trustee of Liberty Townshop, the first Democrat ever to hold that position. There are those yet living in the townshop who contend that after sixty years, he w as the best Trustee the townshop ever had.

At an early age, he joined the church of his father, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Clayton. A few years later, his wife also joined the same church and as the years rolled along, all his sons and wives joined this same church. He taught a Sunday School class most of his adult life and was always active in the music department, especially vocal music.

In 1917, when bad health began to bother him, he built a new home in the south edge of Clayton, where he andhis wife moved. His health was failing and in a short time, he was stricken with an illness from which he did not recover. He passed away at the age of 57 and was laid to rest in the nearby cemetary, which had been a part of his father's farm.

IX

Clarence Virgil Edmondson was born on February 18, 1884, and married Mary Loudora Hopkins on March 11, 1906. She was born near Brownsburg on January 31, 1886. He is the writer of this paper. Their family consisted of: Walter Hopkins, Esther Evelyn, and Helen Marian. They reside in Clayton.

X

Walter Hopkins Edmondson, son of Clarence, was born December 13, 1906, and married Ethel Linna Ludlow of Center Valley on July 30, 1928 at Paris, Illinois. She was born April 1, 1911. Their family consists of Esther Ann and David Lee. They reside in Clayton.

XI

Esther Ann Edmondson was born on December 3, 1932, and married Jack Hutcheson of Greencastle on January 8, 1955. They have one son, Chris Warren.

XII

Chris Warren Hutcheson was born on August 29, 1956.

XI

David Lee Edmondson, son of Walter, was born September 4, 1937, and was married on August 3, 1957 to Murl Dykes at Atlanta, Georgia. Murl was from Jacksonville, Florida, and was born September 16, 1937. They have a family which consists of: Jon Steven, Karen Sue, and Judy Lynn Edmondson. They reside in Clayton.

XII

Jon Steven Edmondson, son of David, was born on May 31, 1958 at ~~Jacksonville~~ Starke, Florida.

XII

Karen Sue Edmondson was born on November 23, 1959, while her parents were residing in Clayton.

XII

Judy Lynn Edmondson, daughter of David, was born December 24, 1960, while her parents were residing in Clayton. Kathy Ann, daughter of David was born Dec. 14, 1962

X

Esther Evelyn Edmondson, daughter of Clarence, was born on March 13, 1910 at Clayton, and Married Roy Carter Johnson of near Hazelwood on August 18, 1934. They have two children, Philip Carter and Margaret Ann. They live at Plainfield. (1962)

XI

Philip Carter Johnson, son of Esther, was born on June 8, 1938. He graduated from Purdue in the class of 1962. He lives in Flint, Mich.

XI

Margaret Ann Johnson, daughter of Esther, was born on March 19, 1941. She is a student at Indiana University, class of 1963. She married Joseph Hoover Stafford of Hope Ind. at Plainfield Aug. 10, 1963. Mary Ann, daughter of Margaret, was born Sept. 3rd, 1964

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Helen Marian Edmondson, daughter of Clarence, was born on July 7, 1915 at Clayton, and married Marion Francis DeLong on January 21, 1940. He was born near New Augusta on April 29, 1912 and grew up near Avon. Their family consists of Joan Marie, John Edward, Mary Elizabeth, and Robert Alan. They live on the old R. A. Edmondson homestead south of Clayton.

XI

Joan Marie DeLong, daughter of Helen, was born May 5, 1942, and is now a student at Purdue University, class of 1964. She was married to Donald Russell of Crown Point Ind. June 15, 1967

XI

John Edward DeLong, son of Helen, was born August 19, 1944, and is now a student at Purdue University, class of 1966.

XI

Mary Elizabeth (Beth) DeLong, daughter of Helen, was born July 26, 1949, Mill Creek School, class of 1967.

XI

Robert Alan DeLong, son of Helen, was born on July 21, 1954, Mill Creek, class of 72.

IX

John Benjamin Edmondson, son of Robert A., was born at Chiseltown, on February 1, 1886, and died March 28, 1962. He married Amanda Pearl Richardson of Hazelwood on August 13, 1911. Their family consists of John Robert and Marian Rachel.

X

John Robert Edmondson, son of John Benjamin, was born on August 18, 1914 at Clayton and married Marian Bray of Monrovia on August 18, 1937. Their children consist of Nancy Elizabeth, Benjamin Robert, John Byron, Suzanne, and Michael Bray. They live on Wampus Farm, southwest of Hazelwood.

XI

Nancy Elizabeth Edmondson, daughter of John Robert, was born in Ames, Iowa on October 18, 1939 and is a graduate of Indiana State College, Terre Haute, Ind. She married Paul Edgerton , South Bend, Indiana on Dec. 23, 1960. They have one daughter, Sarah Lynn.

XII

Sarah Lynn Edgerton, daughter of Nancy, was born Oct. 1961 at South Bend.

XI

Benjamin Robert Edmondson, son of John, was born May 7, 1941, at Corning, Iowa, and is a member of the Class of 63 at Purdue University.

XI

John Byron Edmondson (Jack), son of John, was born on September 3, 1942, at Corning, Iowa, and is a member of the Class of 1964 at Purdue University.

XI

Suzanne Edmondson, daughter of John R., was born on July 12, 1949 at Clayton. She attends Mill Creek School, Class of 1967.

XI

Michael Bray Edmondson, son of John R., was born at Clayton on September 12, 1956 and entered Liberty Township Schools in the fall of 1962.

X

Marian Rachel Edmondson, was born at Clayton on Sept. 1, 1918, and was married to Elwood Nichols, Brownsburg, on August 2, 1941. They have a family of four girls: Elizabeth (Betty) Rachel, Carol Louise, Margaret Ellen, and Nancy Jeanette. They live at Angola, Indiana, where Elwood is the band director at Angola High School and she is a teacher at Tri-State College.

XI

Elizabeth (Betty) Rachel Nichols, daughter of Marian R. was born at Clayton on July 31, 1943, and is a member of the Class of 1965 at Butler University.

XI

Carol Louise Nichols, daughter of Marian R. was born at Brownsburg on September 8, 1947. She is in the Class of 1966 at Angola High School.

XI

Margaret Ellen Nichols, daughter of Marian R. was born on January 23, 1953 at Angola.

XI

Nancy Jeannette Nichols, daughter of Marian R. was born on February 26, 1958 at Angola.

IX

Ralph Wallace Edmondson, son of Robert A. was born on April 26, 1889 at Chiseltown and was married to Osie Eula Scott on August 25, 1912. She was born on October 31, 1887. He died June 11, 1961. Their family consists of Lowell Robert, Sarah Maxine, and Gladys Mae.

X

Lowell Robert Edmondson, son of Ralph W. was born at Chiseltown on October 30, 1913, and married Marian Carter of Clayton on September 17, 1937. She was born on May 21, 1915. Their family consists of Judy Lee; the twins, Stephen Gene and Russell Dean; and Daniel K. They live in Danville.

XI

Judy Lee Edmondson was born on April 27, 1941, daughter of Lowell R. at Plainfield. She was married Nov. 26, 1960 to Tim Ross. They have one daughter, Debbi DiLynne.

XII

Debbi DiLynne Ross, daughter of Judy, was born August 27, 1961.

XI

Stephen Gene Edmondson, twin son of Lowell R. was born on November 14, 1943 and is a student at Evansville College.

XI

XI

Russell Dean Edmondson, twin son of Lowell R. was born on November 14, 1943 and is a student at Evansville College.

XI

Daniel H. Edmondson, son on Lowell R. was born March 26, 1949 at Danville and attends the Danville School.

X

Sarah Maxine Edmondson daughter of Ralph W. was born on December 12, 1918 at Chiseltown and married Chester Ludlow on October 14, 1945. He was born on February 25, 1919. Their family consists of Harry Ralph and Beth Anne. They live on a farm near Reachdale, Indiana.

XI

Harry Ralph Ludlow, son of Maxine was born February 21, 1949 and is in school at Reachdale.

XI

Beth Anne Ludlow, daughter of Maxine, was born on March 20, 1952 and is in school at Reachdale.

X

Gladys Mae Edmondson, daughter of Ralph W. was born on August 23, 1928 at Chiseltown and was married to Floyd Hadley of Danville on August 25, 1948. Their children are Donald Joe and Marcia Lynn. They live at Danville where he is a merchant.

XI

Donald Joe Hadley, son on Gladys, was born on July 7, 1951 at Danville and attends the Danville School.

XI

Marcia Lynn Hadley, daughter of Gladys, was born on June 21, 1955 at Danville and attends the Danville School.

IX

IX

Charles Samuel Edmondson, son of Robert A. was born on April 6, 1891 at Chiselltown and married Ruth Lucille Martin of Carterburg on March 5, 1916. Their three children are Richard Martin, Martha Jane and Robert Francis. Ruth was born January 5, 1894 and passed away, April 18, 1962. They made their home on a farm 1½ miles west of Clayton. He died Nov. 7, 1964

X

Richard Martin Edmondson, son of Samuel, was born on March 7, 1917 at Clayton and married Charlotte Havens of Clayton on March 20, 1938. Their family consists of Patricia Diana, Louis DeWayne, and Kenneth Wayne (twins). They live on a farm about two miles southeast of Danville.

XI

Patricia Diana Edmondson, daughter of Richard, was born March 5, 1939 near Danville and was married to Ralph Lindeman, Jr. of New Jersey on June 30, 1962. They live in Philadelphia, Pa.

XI

Louis DeWayne, twin son of Richard, was born on February 1, 1944 at Danville, and is now a student at Purdue University, Class of 1966.

XI

Kenneth Wayne, twin son of Richard, was born on Feb. 1, 1944 at Danville and is a student at Purdue University, Class of 1966.

X

Robert Francis Edmondson, son of Samuel, was born on Feb. 21, 1925. He is unmarried and lives at home where he operates the farm.

X

Martha Jane Edmondson, daughter of Samuel, was born on October 28, 1929, and married Roy Breneman on June 26, 1950. Their children are Sandra Kay, Robert Havens and Alan Ray.

XI

Sandra Kay Breneman, daughter of Martha, was born on January 16, 1952 and attends the Mill Creek School.

XI

Robert Havens Breneman, son of Martha, was born July 3, 1955 and attends the Mill Creek School.

XI

Alan Ray Breneman, son of Martha, was born on December 7, 1959 and is under school age.

IX

Chauncey LeRoy (Roy) Edmondson, son of Robert A. was born on February 27, 1894 at Chiseltown and married Carrie Trester West on March 14, 1915. She was born on February 2, 1893. He died on November 10, 1935. Their children were Marvin Trester and Marjorie Lois.

X

Marvin Trester Edmondson, son of LeRoy was born on June 2, 1916, and married Mildred Williams on June 7, 1938. Their children are Jerold Alan, James Williams and Jean Ellen. They live at Plainfield.

XI

Jerold Alan Edmondson, son of Marvin T. was born on Sept. 20, 1941. He is now a student at Purdue University, Class of 1963.

XI

James Williams Edmondson, son of Marvin T, was born on August 31, 1943 and is now a student at Indiana State College, Class of 1965.

XI

Jean Ellen Edmondson, daughter of Marvin T. was born on

EXCERPTS FROM THE DIARY OF ELIZABETH EDMONSON WORRELL

April 21, 1883, Saturday.

I have but just a minute to spend in writing for I am so busy but I must tell you the news. Bob is going to be married tomorrow to Miss Della Appleby of Buffalo. Surprised? Well, I should think we were. I never even dreamed of such a thing until about a month ago. One night as we were going to singing Bob says, "Lizzie, you are going to have a new sister some day." Who? I asked. "Can't you guess, well, Della." He did not intend then to marry until fall, but they have changed their minds. There! I smell my pies and I must go. Perhaps, I will write more tonight if not too tired.

April 22, Sunday

I was up bright and early this morning for I had a great deal to do before S. S. The morning was dark and foggy and the sun was hid by a mass of dark clouds that looked very much like rain. I was disappointed for I did so want them to have a fair day on which to begin the "Journey of Life".

We all went to S. S. except Bob and many were the questions as to where Bob was, why he didn't come, etc.

The wedding was to be very quiet, only "our folks" and hers to be present. The rest of the folks were there when we arrived and leaving Bob alone with his bride, I passed on into the other room.

The sun had come out from its hiding place and was shining brightly, and the old saying "Happy is the bride that the sun shines on" kept repeating itself over and over in my mind though my heart was sad. Sad because of the solemnity of the occasion and the loss of my brother. Just as the clock was on the last stroke of twelve, the bridal party entered the room and took their places. It seemed as if I was dreaming as I sat listening to the slow solemn voice of the

minister saying,"And do you Robert A. Edmonson take this woman you hold by the hand etc ------.

I covered by face with my hands to hide tears that could not be kept back, and a feeling almost of bitterness came into my heart toward the girl that had stolen my brother away. But better feeling came and it was with a heart full of love that I kissed her and bade her welcome.

After the congratulations were over we were invited out to dinner, a dinner that only a farmer's wife knows how to prepare, and I'm sure all did justice to the good things set before us.

We, the young folks, went over to North Branch this afternoon to S. S. union, and came home for supper. Cora and Harvey left soon after supper and Bob, Della and I have been alone.

It seemed so queer to see Bob sitting there with Della by his side with her hand in his and oh! such a look of love in his eyes. He does love her I know it and I believe they will be happy.

At nine o'clock I bade them "good night" and as I turned to leave she put her arms around me and whispered "I hope you'll be as happy as I am, some day, sister."

I came up to my room feeling strangely happy, for what is so sweet as love's young dream, and my pen has been busy here, writing the events of the day, but my thoughts have been far away, where my loved ones is.

June 16, Saturday

Where to begin and what to tell you is what puzzled me, so many things have happened since I last wrote. Bob and his "frau" have gotten comfortably settled in the "old log cabin" and seem very content with their lot.

After reading this diary I find myself filled with rather mixed

emotions. I seem to have been transported back through the years to a time, seventy three years ago when this very interesting diary was written. I am impressed with the very evident sincerity of this earnest and intelligent young lady as she writes down her intimate and personal thoughts in her own beautiful language.

The young lady who wrote this diary seventy three years ago was nineteen year old Lizzie Edmonson of Clayton. The occasion was the approaching marriage of her brother Bob to Miss Della Appleby of Buffalo neighborhood, who, in the course of a few short years were destined to be my own father and mother.

At first she evidently was quite keenly shaken at facing this old, old problem, when the family circle begins to break up and one by one, they start out in life for themselves, to build their own homes and their own lives. She may have felt a little resentment at losing her brother Bob, of whom she was very fond, but as the great event grew near, her mood changed and she began to look forward with a great deal of anticipation to the time when she could welcome this happy young bride into the family circle, and become her own loving sister.

That was the beginning of a beautiful relationship, that has endured through all the years. They were always very close and a few years after this happy marriage took place, Lizzie herself married the man of her choice, and she became the happy bride of Charles B. Worrell of Clayton.

The two families settled near to each other and for many, many years, the closest feeling of love and respect existed between them. My own memory leads back for over sixty years and it seems to me that the happiest times of our lives was when the two families were visiting together as they frequently did. Our own family consisted of five boys and the Worrell family of five girls and one boy, and what glorious times we had together, as we grew up within a quarter of a mile of each

other. There was a mutual feeling of love and respect existing between these two families that is rarely seen today.

The two sisters are still living after seventy-three years, both living in the same little town of Clayton. Mother Edmondson is ninety years old, keen of mind and very happy with her family of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Aunt Lizzie Worrell has been frail of body for many years, and Mother has enjoyed nothing more than to have a quiet visit with her, and when they could talk over old times together.

This is a story of life and love, the story that started when a lovely girl welcomed her sister-in-law into her heart and home, and started the beautiful relationship that has endured through all the years.

The two husbands, who did so much to inspire these families with the ideals of clean living and Christian fellowship, have long since passed over the Great Divide, into the Promised Land. We like to feel that they are waiting, just beyond the horizon, to welcome again, their brides of yesteryear, and the two lovely brides are eager and ready to go.

Written by Ralph Edmondson in cooperation with his mother,
Della Edmondson
June 1, 1955

In Aug. 15th 1915 Dee (Elizabeth) was married to Robt. John Love of Sweetwater [illegible] 53
[illegible] Grad. Civil Engineer of U. of Tenn who has had [illegible] yrs. in So. Rail Road in the South - also
[illegible] Major in Engrs. in Pacific Area. Now with Chief Engineers Office at Home Headquarters Major.
He died April 28, 1950. They raised two sons, Robert Worrell and
James Worrell. They lived at Nashville, Tennessee. end of married life where
[illegible] from R. R. building to Highway Dept. of Tenn.

X

Col. Robert Worrell Love, son of Julian Lee was born on September 5, 1916 in Madisonville, Tenn and
married Cornelia Gambill on September 16, 1939. Their children are
Robert John, Elizabeth Candace, Wheless Gambill, Jennie Love and
Anne Cornelia. He graduated from West Point and saw much service
in World War II. Education, 1 yr. in Vanderbilt U. 2 yrs. Harvard School of Business Ad. &
1 yr. in Nat. War College at Ft McNair Washington D.C.

XI

Robert John Love II, son of Robert, was born on August 28, 1944 in Nashville, Tenn.
Now a Freshman in U of Tenn.

XI

Elizabeth Candace Love, daughter of Robert was born on
June 3, 1941, in Panama Canal Zone in Gorgas Hospital. Just recently graduated from U of
Hawaii & was married 2 wks. later on Feb. 14th 1963 to Elia Chas. Dimitri — a Pediatrician of
Spencer City, Tenn.

XI

Wheless Gambill Love, daughter son of Robert, was born December
23, 1940. in Slebtt, Tenn.

XI

Anne Cornelia Love, daughter of Robert was born April,
4, 1948 1951. in Japan

XI

Jennie Love, daughter of Robert, was born Dec. 18, 1957.
in Washington, D.C.

X

James Worrell Love, son of Dee, was born November 25, 1918
and was married on November 5, 1944 to Margaret Edwards of Clarksville
Tennessee. Their family consists of James Edward and Bobie Dee. He
is a Colonel in the Marie Corps. Grad. of U. of Tenn. in 1941 - 3 yrs. in different
phases of Engr. in Quantico & 1 yr. in Army Engr. School at Ft Belvoir, Va.

XI

James Edward Love, son of James, was born at Clarksville
Tenn. on August 25, 1945.

XI

Bobbie Dee Love, daughter of James, was born at Clarksville, Tennessee, on March 19, 1940.

IX

Maurice Eugene Worrell, son of Elizabeth, was born at Clayton on August 31, 1889 and married Gladys Gibson of Clayton on August 18, 1914. Their family consists of Maurice Eugene, Jr., Betty, Charles William, James Richard and Alice Virginia. The Worrells live at Junction, Texas. (1963)

X

Maurice Eugene Worrell, Jr. son of Maurice E. Sr., was born at Clayton on July 2, 1915, and married Lucille Patterson of Raton, Texas on March 19, 1939. Their children are Charles Patterson, Maurice Eugene III, and Patricia Lucille. They live in Dallas, Tex.

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XI

Charles Patterson Worrell, son of Maurice Jr. was born at Beeville, Texas on May 28, 1940.

XI

Maurice Eugene Worrell, III, son of Maurice Jr. (known as Gene) was born on July 26, 1941, at Farmersville, Texas. He is in U. S. Coast Guard.

XI

Patricia Lucille Worrell, daughter of Maurice Jr., was born July 7, 1950 at Dallas Texas.

X

Elizabeth (Betty) Gibson Worrell, daughter of Maurice Sr. was born on September 28, 1917 at McCormick, South Carolina and married Ed Creel of Ouray, Colorado on Feb. 15, 1941. Their children are Linda Jay and Bethany. The Creels live on a ranch outside Junction, Texas.

XI

Linda Jay Creel, daughter of Betty, was born on August 22, 1948 in San Angelo, Texas.

XI

Bethany Creel, daughter of Betty, was born on July 25, 1951 in Abilene, Texas.

X

Charles William Worrell, son of Maurice Sr. was born on August 30, 1919 at Clayton and married Elsie Marie Patton of Austin, Texas on February 2, 1941. Their children are Terry Dean, Charles William, Jr. and Pat Murphy. They live in Austin, Texas.

XI

Terry Dean Worrell, son of Charles was born on February 20, 1942 at Austin, Texas.

XI

Charles William Worrell, Jr. Son on Charles, was born on February 17, 1945 at Austin, Texas.

XI

Pat Murphy Worrell, son on Charles, was born July 9, 1949 at Austin, Texas.

X

James Richard Worrell, son of Maurice Sr. was born at Hillsboro, Texas on October 28, 1922, and married Martha Jochim, Crete, Nebraska, on March 20, 1942. Their children are James Richard, Jr. and Jackye Ann. They live in Dallas, Texas.

XI

James Richard Worrell, Jr. (Dickey) son of James R. was born on July 1, 1943 at Livermore, Calif.

XI

XI

Jackye Ann Worrell, daughter of James R. was born on August 7, 1940 in Junction, Texas.

X

Alice Virginia Worrell, daughter of Maurice Sr. was born February 26, 1925 at Cumby, Texas and married Bob Lindsay of Austin, Texas on December 26, 1948. Their children are Nancy Elizabeth and Robert McNamara. They live in Austin, Texas.

XI

Nancy Elizabeth Lindsay, daughter of Alice was born on July 7, 1950 at Austin Texas.

XI

Robert McNamara Lindsay, Jr. son of Alice, was born November 22, 1953 at Austin, Texas.

IX

Beth Marie Worrell, daughter of Elizabeth was born at Clayton, Indiana, February 4, 1892, and married Claude Harrell of West Lafayette, Indiana on May 3, 1916. Their adopted son is William David. They have made their home in St. Louis, Mo.

X

William David Harrell, son of Beth was born in St. Louis on June 17, 1926, and married Betty Jean Wallace, St. Louis on December 6, 1947. Their children are William David Jr. Steven Lowell, Robert James and Claudia. They live in St. Louis.

XI

William David Harrell Jr. son of William David, was born September 19, 1948 at St. Louis.

XI

Steven Lowell Harrell, Son of William David, was born May 19, 1950, at St. Louis.

XI

Robert James Harrell, son of William David was born September 17, 1953 at St. Louis.

XI

Claudia Harrell, daughter of William David was born November 6, 1956 at St. Louis.

IX

Helen Amy Worrell, daughter of Elizabeth was born on May 19, 1894 at Clayton and married George Hadley of Amo, Indiana on May 3, 1913. Their adopted son is Harold. They live in Clayton.

X

Harold Hadley, son of Helen, was born on August 30, 1923, and married Norma Jean Pearson of Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 8, 1946. Their adopted children are Sharon K. and Kathy. They live in Muncie, Indiana.

XI

Sharon K. Hadley, daughter of Harold, was born on October 8, 1949, Indianapolis, Indiana.

XI

Kathy Hadley, daughter of Harold, was born on May 16, 1952, Indianapolis, Indiana.

IX

Dorothy Edmonson Worrell, daughter of Elizabeth was born on November 16, 1905, at Clayton, Indiana and married Raymond Walker of Clayton on May 3, 1926. He died on July 18, 1952. Their children are Sarah Jeannette (Sally) and John Worrell. She married Lee Wilson in 1953. He died in 1957. She remarried Clifford M. Berry, Oct. 12 1966.

John married Jane A Binder, Aug 13, 1955. Their Children are Dennis Patrick Walker born June 27, 1966,

X

Sarah Jeannette Walker (Sally) daughter of Dorothy, was born on August 21, 1928, and married Jack Paul Gibbs on April 19, 1952. Their children are Michael Alan, Bruce Evan, William Jeffrey and Debra Lynn. They live on a farm outside of Clayton.

XI

Michael Alan Gibbs, son of Sally, was born Dec. 10, 1953 at Clayton.

XI

Bruce Evan Gibbs, son of Sally was born on March 12, 1955 at Clayton.

XI

William Jeffrey Gibbs, son of Sally, was born September 30, 1958 at Clayton.

XI

Debra Lynn Gibbs, daughter of Sally, was born on March 19, 1961, at Clayton.

IX

Shirley Virginia Worrell, daughter of Elizabeth, was born on August 6, 1909 and died Jan. 14, 1936. She married Harry Kelly, on March 10, 1931. No children.

VIII

Thomas Benjamin Edmonson, son of Benjamin C. was born on February 26, 1866 and married Carrie Swindler, 5 miles S W Clayton, (born on July 14, 1870,) on Sept. 19, 1888. She died July 7, 1918. He died Oct. 1, 1938. Their children were Mary Mildred, Charles Benjamin and Cecil Oscar.

IX

Mary Mildred Edmonson, daughter of Thomas B. was born at

Clayton, Indiana on August 29, 1894 and died June 29, 1930. She married Claude Furnish, Oxford, Indiana in 1928. They had one son, Thomas Eugene.

X

Thomas Eugene Furnish, son of Mary M. was born on December 21, 1929 and married Mary Cox on May 1, 1955. They had two sons Thomas Eugene II, and David Alan.

XI

Thomas Eugene Furnish II, son of Thomas E, was born August 9, 1957.

XI

David Alan Furnish, son of Thomas E. was born September 12, 1958

IX

Charles Benjamin Edmonson, son of Thomas B. was born on December 17, 1898 at Clayton, Indiana and married Mabel West, Aug. 18, 1921. Their children are Mary Jean, Barbara Jane and Charles Thomas. They live in Clayton.

X

Mary Jean Edmonson, daughter of Charles B. was born on May 26, 1922 and married Chester Hicks in 1942. They have one daughter, Teressa Anne. She later married, after a divorce, Howard Francis Mitchell, September 21, 1957. They have two children, Lynn Jean and Lonce Carl. They live in Clayton.

XI

Teressa Anne Hicks, daughter of Mary Jean, was born on February 8, 1946.

XI

Lynn Jean Mitchell, daughter of Mary Jean, was born on May 16, 1958 at Clayton.

XI

Lance Carl Mitchell, son of Mary Jean, was born on June 21, 1959 at Clayton.

X

Barbara Jane Edmonson was daughter of Charles B. was born on October 1, 1927 at Greencastle and married Frank Lawrence, Amo, Indiana Feb. 13, 1944. Their children are Tronnie Bruce, Dennis Alan, Sherry Lynn and Lisa Dawn.

XI

Tronnie Bruce Lawrence, son of Barbara was born on Nov. 28, 1944 at Clayton and is a student at Purdue, Class of 1966.

XI

Dennis Alan Lawrence, son of Barbara, was born on Oct. 30, 1946 at Clayton. He is a student in Milkk Creek School.

XI

Sherry Lynn Lawrence, daughter of Barbara was born on September 29, 1950 at Clayton and attends Milk Creek School.

XI

Lisa Dawn Lawrence, daughter of Barbara was born August 25, 1960 at Clayton.

X

(Tommy)

Charles Thomas Edmonson, son of Charles B, was born on December 15, 1931 at Greencastle, Indiana and married Bobby Mallett, June 18, 1953 in Mississippi. Their children are Susan Jean, Stephen, Charles Benjamin, Michael Alan and Patricia Kay. He is a jet pilot in the U S Air Force.

XI

Susan Jean Edmonson, daughter of Tommy, was born April 17, 1954

XI

Stephen Edmondson, son of Tommy, was born Oct. 30, 1956.

IX

Mary Caroline Edmonson, daughter of Joseph L. was born November 21, 1897 and married Fred Whicker of Stilesville, Indiana on June 9, 1921. They had one son, Joseph Edmonson Whicker. She lives in Clayton.

X

Joseph Edmonson Whicker son of Caroline, was born on May 12, 1924 in Indianapolis and married Orella Holcomb of Indianapolis. on July 3, 1950. They have one son, James Edmonson. They live in Southport, Indiana.

XI

James Edmonson Whicker, son of Joseph E. was born on Feb. 11, 1954 at Indianapolis.

IX

Harry Mitchell Edmonson, son of Joseph L. was born on September 4, 1903 and was killed in a team run-a-way in 1913.

VIII

Samuel Eugene Edmonson, son of Benjamin G. was born on April 7, 1873 and married Sada House of Indianapolis on September 22, 1893. He died Aug. 1942 and she died May 25, 1956. Their family consisted of two sons: Donald Eugene and Willard Franklin.

IX

Donald Eugene Edmonson, son of Eugene, was born on Sept. 5, 1901 at Clayton, Indiana and married Dorothy McKamey, Cloverdale, Indiana on June 22, 1922. They live in Pasadena, California and have no children.

IX

Willard Franklin Edmonson, son of Eugene, was born on Aug. 1, 1904 at Clayton, Indiana and married Ruth Burns of Clayton

on January 3, 1924. They have three sons: Harold Willard, George Benjamin and Larry Eugene. Willard is Postmaster at Clayton and lives on a nearby farm. They raised a Navajo Indian girl, Betto Yellowhair and foreign students from many countries found a welcome in their home.

X

Harold Willard Edmonson, son of Willard was born August 16, 1925 at Clayton and married Ava Villars of Frankfort, Indiana on December 24, 1947. Their children are: Harold Alan, Jeffrey Stephen and Sarah Jean.

XI

Harold Alan Edmonson, son of Harold was born June 9, 1950.

XI

Jeffrey Stephen Edmonson, son of Harold, was born Jan. 13, 1956.

XI

Sarah Jean Edmonson, daughter of Harold, was born September 15, 1958.

X

George Benjamin Edmonson, son of Willard, was born on Dec. 7, 1928 at Clayton, and married Elaine Horton of Hammond, Indiana on August 18, 1950. Their children are Linda Elaine and Michael J.

XI

Linda Elaine Edmonson, daughter of George, was born Dec 16, 1953.

XI

Michael J. Edmonson, son of George, was born Oct. 19, 1955.

X

Larry Eugene Edmonson, son of Willard, was born on Nov. 11,

Mary Nathalie Edmondson later married George Hadley, Judge Hendricks County Circiut Court,. She ~~died~~ was a teacher in the Clayton area and later a welfare worker out of Danville. She died Apr 26 1955 at the Coleman Hospital in Indianapolis.

1940 and married Corinne Warren of Bedford, Ohio, on Jan. 21, 1961. They have one daughter Tamara Jeanette. He is a student at Indiana U.

XI

Tamara Jeannette Edmonson, daughter of Larry was born April 29, 1962.

VIII

Charles Arthur Edmonson, son of Benjamin C. was born on August 30, 1877 at Clayton, Indiana and married Grace Nathalie Wills of Clayton, on August 7, 1899. They had two daughters: Mary Nathalie and Gladys Louise. He died in 1957 and she died in 1960.

IX

Mary Nathalie Edmonson, daughter of Arthur, was born on August 22, 1903 and married Halbert Wheeler of Evansville, Indiana on August 24, 1930. She died in 1955. They had two sons: Charles Edmonson and Barth Edmonson.
APR 26, 1955

X

Charles Edmonson Wheeler, son of Nathalie, was born June 30, 1931 and married Jeannette Louise Meyers. They have two children Charles Edmonson Wheeler II and Susan.

XI

Charles Edmonson Wheeler II, son of Charles was born

XI

Susan Wheeler, daughter of Charles, was born

X

Barth Edmonson Wheeler (M.D.), son of Nathalie, was born Nov 11, 1933 and married Sue Barnhisel, June 28, 1957. They have two children, Lisa and Bret.

XI

Lisa Wheeler, daughter of Barth, was born June 1, 1958.

XI

Bret Wheeler, son of Barth, was born April 17, 1959.

X

Gladys Louise Himonsen, daughter of Arthur, was born August 17, 1907 and married Thomas Powers of Chicago, Feb. 19, 1938. They live near Chicago, Ill. They have two children, Linda Sue and Thomas Patrick.

XI

Linda Sue Powers, daughter of Louise, was born on May 28, 1940 at Chicago.

XI

Thomas Patrick Powers, son of Louise, was born March 30, 1943.

Clara

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Clara Jane Richardson

Commenced drinking very

freely upon her marriage. She has 2

children living who died in

infancy

Edward H. (2)

born Dec 19, 1874

died Sept 21, 1874

and

William C.

born March 28, 1878

died April 13, 1878.

Clara G. Richardson who was my

brother's wife died

Clara E. McClanahan

born Oct 8, 1845

died Jan 20, 1904

The above history had its beginnings in the long ago and is closed more than three hundred years later. Only a few are named who were included in that long train of Edmondsons through the years. Only a few facts of their lives are recorded because of the lack of information. Many of the descendants of that early emigrant, John Edmondson of Talbot County, have filled many important places in the history of their country, but for the most part they have been contented to be just common, every day Americans. During the years they have scattered over the face of this country, probably some in every state.

Lest the spelling of the name, Edmondson, cause undue confusion, let it be said that when father and son and brothers spell their name differently, nothing can be done about it and the difference means nothing. The U was changed in the early days from an O by mistake and it was never corrected by the descendants of William Edmundson.

The recurrence of such given names as Solomon, Francis, Peter, James, William, John, Thomas, Joseph and Benjamin along with Rebecca, Mary, Martha, Elizabeth, Sarah, Anne, Esther and Rachel makes for much confusion and complications as many of these names appear generation after generation. But it has also helped to tie the group together.

J. Howard Edmondson, probably a relative, has been Governor of Oklahoma for the last four years and is now Senator J. Howard Edmondson. His brother, Ed Edmondson, was re-elected as Congressman and is still serving the the House of Representatives.

The year is now 1963 and this history closes but the great family of Edmondsons will go on and on to the end of time.

C. V. Edmondson, Historian

January 12, 1963
Clayton, Indiana

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